

Saudis to attend Red Sea talks

JEDDAH (AP) — Saudi Arabia announced Wednesday that it has accepted an invitation from Sudan to attend a conference of the Red Sea littoral states to discuss security measures in light of the mining of the waterway. The announcement carried by the Saudi Press Agency and attributed to an official at the Foreign Affairs Ministry did not say at what level that conference would be held. The conference would bring the representatives of Egypt together with Saudi Arabia and other Red Sea littoral states despite the absence of diplomatic relations. The kingdom is among 17 Arab states who together with the Palestine Liberation Organisation severed ties with Egypt over its 1979 treaty with Israel. North Yemen and South Yemen, who control the southern entrance of the Red Sea, are among the 17. The only members of the Arab League of states that did not rupture their ties with Egypt are Sudan, Somalia and Oman.

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3 Israelis wounded near Marjayoun

TEL AVIV (AP) — Three Israeli soldiers were wounded by a roadside explosive charge near the South Lebanese town of Marjayoun on Wednesday, the military command announced. The command said the soldiers were wounded as the convoy in which they were travelling passed the point where the charge was planted, about 400 metres southwest of Marjayoun. The soldiers were evacuated to hospitals for treatment and Israeli forces searched the area for the attackers, it said. Marjayoun is a mainly Maronite Christian town eight kilometres north of the Israeli border. Before the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982 it was the centre of the semi-independent "Haddad land," and it is still the headquarters of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon army commanded by Maj. Gen. Antoine Lahd.

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King sends condolences to Gemayel, Mubarak

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday sent a cable of condolence to Lebanese President Amin Gemayel expressing sympathy on the death of his father, Pierre Gemayel. The King also sent another cable of condolence to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on the death of Maj.-Gen. Mohammad Naguib, the first president of Egypt. (See page 2).

Eid Al Adha holidays announced

AMMAN (Petra) — A five-day public holiday will be observed in Jordan on the occasion of Al Adha Feast which marks the end of the holy pilgrimage to Mecca. An official communique issued by Acting Prime Minister Suleiman Arar said that all government departments and public institutions will be closed in Jordan from Sept. 4 until Sept. 8, and resume work on Sunday, Sept. 9. Chief Islamic Justice Sheikh Ibrahim Al Qattan had earlier announced that Monday Aug. 27, was the last day of the Muslim month, Dhul Q'da, and Tuesday was the first day of Dhul Hilja. Therefore, he said, the first day of Al Adha Feast falls on Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Karami to head delegation to U.N.

BEIRUT (R) — Prime Minister Rashid Karami will head Lebanon's delegation at the U.N. General Assembly next month, government officials said Wednesday. They were speaking after a cabinet meeting outside Beirut, shortly before the Security Council was to meet in New York on a Lebanese complaint against Israeli troops who have occupied South Lebanon for more than two years.

Former Sudanese minister whipped

KHARTOUM (AP) — A former regional minister whom President Jaafar Numeiri dismissed after finding him "intoxicated" was administered 40 lashes in public last Saturday, the Sudan News Agency reported. Mamoun Mohamad Ahmad, former minister of housing, water, and public utilities was whipped in Al Fasher, the capital of Darfur province, 500 kilometres west of Khartoum. Mr. Numeiri smelled alcohol on Mr. Ahmad's breath during a breakfast party in Al Fasher last July 30. He immediately dismissed him and a court sentenced him to 60 lashes.

Sudan confirms rebel attack, but denies losses

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudan said Wednesday a steamer carrying government troops was shot at by southern rebels Tuesday but denied rebel claims to have inflicted heavy casualties in a steamer ambush two days ago. The official Sudanese News Agency (SUNA) said rebels opened fire on a steamer carrying troops Tuesday, slightly wounding four soldiers. Sudan rebels claim 274 soldiers killed, page 2

King's message to AESC urges aid to people under occupation

Jordan supports call for conference on Red Sea

By Salameh B. Ne'matt
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AMMAN — Jordan Wednesday announced its support for the idea of convening a conference of Arab states bordering the Red Sea to ensure the security of the region following a spate of explosions which have damaged at least 19 ships since July 9.

The support was contained in His Majesty King Hussein's message to the 37th meeting of the Arab Economic and Social Council (AESC) which opened in Amman Wednesday.

The message, read out to the meeting by Acting Prime Minister and Interior Minister Suleiman Arar, urged Arab states to take effective measures to safeguard navigation in Arab waters which will help Arab development and progress.

The King called on Arab states to help strengthen the steadfastness of the Arab people under Israeli rule. The people under occupation are now exposed to blackmail, intimidation and oppression, the King said. "All you have to do is to extend help to Arab people in the occupied territories to enable them to withstand the Israeli repressive measures and hold on to the homeland and foil Israeli aims and objectives," the King said. "What happened to Jerusalem

He pointed out to the Israeli occupation of South Lebanon and its exploitation of its water resources there as well as the continuous Israeli aggression against Arab lands and property in the occupied Arab territories and other practices aimed at driving people out of their own lands. "Through its Zionist influence in the United States, Israel was able to abort all promising peace initiatives and weakened the world's response to the Arab resolutions of the Fes summit and successive European initiatives," the King said.

Klibi warns West

Also speaking at the opening session of the two-day meeting, was Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi who warned the United States and the Western world against the implementation of the projected U.S.-Israeli free trade zone and against European measures aimed at aborting the effects of the Arab boycott regulations against Israel.

Mr. Klibi said: "I call on the Western leadership to respect its principles and consider its own interests (in the Arab World) before it is too late." "It is an invitation to the West to establish a new basis for a compatible relationship in the light of past tragic experiences. It is also an invitation to learn from the lessons of history," he added.

Mr. Klibi said the U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation accord has turned the U.S. into "an Israeli military ally and a strategic partner." He pointed out that the U.S.-Israeli free trade zone is an embodiment of this alliance. "The importance of this agreement lies in its timing which came when the Israeli economy is collapsing," he told.

Referring to Western attempts to foil the Arab boycott policy against Israel, Mr. Klibi said: "This is yet another example of double standards practised by the West by implementing principles to suit its own interests only."

Anani urges joint action

Also speaking at the opening session of the AESC meeting was Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism Jawad Al Anani, who said the convening of the meeting comes at a very "critical and sensitive situation facing the Arab Nation." He said the Arab Nation is threatened with political, military and economic dangers that require the concentration of efforts on all levels to overcome these difficulties.

Dr. Anani, who is the current president of the AESC session, said Jordan has always supported joint Arab economic action and implemented its resolutions and will always be ready to implement all recommendations.



Acting Prime Minister and Interior Minister Suleiman Arar (centre), Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism Jawad Al Anani (left) and Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi (second from left) attend Wednesday's opening session of the Arab Economic and Social Council in Amman (Petra photo)

Masri, Klibi review Arab issues

AMMAN (J.T.) — Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri received at his office Wednesday Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi and discussed with him subjects on the agenda of the Arab League Council meeting due to be held in Tunis in the second half of September. They also discussed current contacts among Arab states for holding an Arab summit meeting.

The Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said that they also studied

the outcome of the seven-member Arab League committee meetings which convened in Baghdad last week to review the developments of the Iran-Iraq war and means to help the committee to follow up its task. Mr. Masri and Mr. Klibi also discussed topics to be taken up by the forthcoming U.N. General Assembly session, and particularly the Palestine problem, Petra said.

Mr. Klibi arrived here late Tuesday night to take part in the meeting.

ings of the Arab Economic and Social Council (AESC).

He said in a statement that he will meet with His Majesty King Hussein to consult with him on a number of issues of concern to the Arab Nation. Petra quoted Mr. Klibi as saying that the current AESC meeting "is very important in view of the subjects to be discussed." Mr. Klibi also voiced appreciation to the Jordanian government for hosting the meeting.

Leading businessman found shot dead

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A leading Jordanian businessman was found dead at his home in Jabal Amman Wednesday morning. A police spokesman said that Mounel Ya'qoub Sabella had been shot several times by an unknown assailant and the police are

investigating the case to identify the murderer and the motives behind the crime.

The body of Mr. Sabella was taken to the morgue for autopsy to help solve the mystery, the spokesman said. No other details were disclosed.

Mr. Sabella served until his death as Ireland's honorary consul in Amman. He also owned and

managed several business concerns and was a notable donor to charitable and voluntary institutions in Jordan.

Mr. Sabella also financed the higher education of several Palestinian refugee children on an annual basis.

Mr. Sabella, who friends said was 50 years old, is survived by his wife, four daughters and two sons.

7 more killed in Tripoli as Beirut revives reform plan

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Renewed militia warfare claimed seven more lives in Lebanon's northern port of Tripoli Wednesday, police said, and the cabinet scored an apparent breakthrough in efforts to revive Lebanon's faltering peace process.

Israeli warplanes clashed the sound barrier at midday over a Palestinian commando base they attacked in east Lebanon's Bekaa Valley near the Syrian border on Tuesday. But no new bombing sorties were staged, reporters in the Bekaa Valley said.

Lebanese police put the final casualty toll from the Tuesday raid at 25 killed and 35 wounded. Reports telephoned from the area said rescue operations were over and Syrian army bulldozers had removed the rubble of a three-storey makeshift commando base devastated by the attack.

Prime Minister Rashid Karami said his national coalition cabinet empowered Defence Minister Adel Ousseini on Wednesday to set up a military committee to oversee a security plan designed to

disengage Tripoli's warring factions.

Mr. Karami, who spoke after a three-hour cabinet session held under President Amin Gemayel to discuss ways of arresting Lebanon's security deterioration, did not elaborate on the Tripoli move.

But official sources, who declined to be named, said the government would have to put together Lebanese army units to deploy on Tripoli's confrontation lines and decide how many Syrian troops stationed in northern Lebanon would be needed to back up the disengagement operation.

Indicating that the government had made headway towards defusing the political crisis, Mr. Karami said Wednesday's cabinet session was "positive and marked by a spirit of cooperation" between Christians and Muslims.

Semi-official television said it "broke the ice." It followed a week of tension during which minister Walid Junblatt, a powerful militia leader, charged President Gemayel with stalling on reforms until troops were deployed in

Druze mountains under a security plan.

Fears for the peace process heightened last week when Mr. Junblatt called Mr. Gemayel "a butcher" and a "fascist" and said he did not consider himself a member of the government. He threatened to boycott the cabinet but was persuaded to attend by Mr. Karami and Shi'ite Muslim minister Nabih Berri.

Police said rival militias launched a new round of random bombardment in Tripoli at mid-morning, following nightlong exchanges of machine gun fire and rocket-propelled grenades that killed seven people and wounded 17 others. Among the victims were a 29-year-old man and his pregnant wife, police said.

Fighters of the pro-Syrian "Arabian Knights" militia and the Tawheed or Islamic Unification Movement, pounded each others' strongholds in Lebanon's second-largest city of half a million inhabitants with mortars and multiple rocket launchers, police said.



Pierre Gemayel

Pierre Gemayel dies at 78

BEIRUT (R) — Right-wing Falangist Party leader Pierre Gemayel, father of President Amin Gemayel, has died, the Falangist Voice of Lebanon radio announced Wednesday. He was 78.

Mr. Gemayel was a member of the latest "national unity" government and Lebanon's most powerful Christian political leader.

Semi-official Beirut Television said he died of a heart attack shortly after attending a cabinet session earlier Wednesday. He was hospitalised last month because of a heart and chest ailment.

Mr. Gemayel was a founding member of the Falangist Party, which he led until his death.

He helped create the party in 1936 after attending the Berlin Olympic Games where he was impressed by the discipline shown by Germany's Nazi youth.

He was a government minister many times over the years. "Lebanon has lost one of its most laudable figures while the country was still in need of him," Gemayel is an eternal part of Lebanon," the Falangist radio said.

His younger son, Bashir, was killed in a bomb blast in east Beirut soon after he was elected president two years ago. Amin, the older son, later became president.

His death is likely to dismay Lebanon's Christian minority, coming at a time when he was involved in efforts towards reconciliation with the country's Muslim majority.

After being released from hospital, Mr. Gemayel named Dr. Elie Karamch, his personal physician, as his successor to the party leadership.

Iraq denies Iran's charges of involvement in hijack

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraq Wednesday denied Iranian charges that two Iraqi fighters forced a hijacked Iran Air jet with over 200 people on board to land in its territory Tuesday.

Information Minister Latif Nassif Al Jassem said in a press statement released by the Iraqi News Agency (INA) that the plane had been hijacked to Kuwait while it was over Iran.

But, he said, Kuwaiti authorities barred it from landing and because the plane was running out of fuel it asked for permission to land in Iraq.

"For human reasons and for the safety of the passengers and because of Iraq's position — being at war with Iran — it was only reasonable to allow the plane to land in Iraqi territory," the minister said.

Iran's envoy to the United Nations Tuesday night charged that Kuwaiti aircraft had rejected an Iranian request for the plane to land and advised the pilot to head for Baghdad.

Iraqi fighters had then forced

the Airbus to land at an airport between the southern port of Basra and Baghdad, he said.

Kuwaiti officials Wednesday denied the Iranian allegations.

Official sources in Kuwait told Reuters Iran's accusations that Kuwait and Iraq had collaborated in an act of air piracy were false.

"None of it is true. Military aircraft from Iraq did not enter Kuwait's airspace and Kuwait was not involved in any way," one source said.

Kuwaiti Director General of Civil Aviation Sheikh Jaber Al Adhbi, in a statement carried by the KUNA news agency, also denied any involvement.

Meanwhile Iraqi officials said the 193 passengers had been taken on a tour of the Shi'ite Muslim holy cities of Najaf and Kerbala, south of the Iraqi capital.

They did not mention the 11 crew members. On Tuesday they said the hostages were free to stay in Iraq, return to Iran or go anywhere they chose.

Nor would officials give any details of how or when the hos-

tages and the plane would leave Iraq.

The two hijackers, an Iranian man and woman in their 20s, told a press conference Tuesday they intended to seek political asylum and officials indicated the request would be granted.

The male racker, who identified himself only by his given name — Behrouz — told reporters at Baghdad airport that he and his girlfriend, identified only as Fereshteh, were "planning to request political asylum in Iraq, because this is the only country where we can live freely."

Behrouz said he and Fereshteh, "commandeered the plane 10 minutes after it took off from Shiraz," a city in southern Iran, on a flight to Tehran.

"We did not use any weapons to hijack the plane. We only told the captain that we have explosives... and that we would set them off if he did not proceed to Iraq," Behrouz said in Farsi.

"It was an easy job. We didn't have a single problem," Behrouz said.

Human wall blocks Kahane from entering Umm Al Fahm

UMM AL FAHM (Agencies) — Thousands of Israeli Arabs and Jews formed a human wall at the entrance to this hilltop town Wednesday and prevented extremist Rabbi Meir Kahane from entering the village and launching a campaign intended at expelling all Arabs from Israel and the Israeli-occupied Arab territories in case of violence.

Police, who had originally said they would stop his followers even if they had to let the rabbi in, barred entry to the entire convoy.

The northern area police commander, Rahamin Haddad, said in a statement that he forbade Rabbi Kahane's entry on "professional and operational" grounds.

Hundreds of Israeli Jews led by left-wing members of the Knesset (parliament) came to the village soon after dawn to reinforce the villagers before police cordoned off the village.

Umm Al Fahm villagers, and the Jewish sympathisers, led by Village Council head Hashem Mahamid, sat or stood on the main road, chanting in Arabic "Kahane, for grave will be here, we will bury you here." Behind them stood about 100 helmeted police and border police, carrying batons

in case of violence.

Rabbi Kahane was turned back on the main road junction about two kilometres from the village. Israel Radio said he tried again to reach the village on foot and was stopped a second time.

He was taken in a police van to the local police station and released shortly afterward, the radio said.

Israel Radio said eight policemen were wounded when stone-throwing villagers clashed with police as Rabbi Kahane and his followers approached Umm Al Fahm.

Town council leaders, who had asked Interior Minister Yosef Burg to bar Rabbi Kahane, were elated at the police decision to bar the rabbi from entering the village.

"We've done it. We've done it," they shouted when it became clear that Rabbi Kahane would not be allowed into the town. "We've succeeded beyond all our hopes," said Jamil Mahamid, the council secretary.

The Jewish demonstrators, carrying placards reading "good neighbourliness" and "Arab-Jewish unity," also expressed relief.

Busloads of police were on standby and police helicopters cir-

dled over the town.

The first disturbance occurred when police discovered a member of the Kach movement trying to slip through their lines with a gun. He was arrested and bundled off.

Later the town council secretary told Reuters he had received a telephone call from a man claiming to be a member of Rabbi Kahane's Kach movement.

The caller said Kach would place bombs in Umm Al Fahm Wednesday and would kill council head Mahamid.

About two hours before Rabbi Kahane arrived, three of his supporters scuffled with two Arabs outside the village. Police quickly broke up the fight and took all five away in a police van.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, speaking to a parliamentary committee before the clash broke out, called the rabbi "negative, dangerous and harmful." Israel Radio reported.

Rabbi Kahane immigrated to Israel from the United States in 1971, after founding the Jewish Defence League in New York. He was elected to the Knesset on July 23 on an openly anti-Arab platform, after three previous failures to be elected.

Peres coalition chances suffer setback

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli Prime Minister designate Shimon Peres suffered a setback Wednesday in his efforts to form a government when four small parties tilted towards supporting the ruling Likud bloc, political sources said.

Mr. Peres and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who is running the country at the head of a caretaker administration, were to meet again Wednesday night to continue talks on forming a national unity government of their two blocs.

A senior Shamir aide said the four-man ultra-orthodox Shas Party has last week secretly signed a pact with Likud in which it undertook not to support a Peres government.

He said three other parties — Morasha, Agudat Israel and Tami

— which between them controlled another seven parliamentary seats, were about to follow suit.

"We have an agreement in principle with their leaders that they will not support a narrow Peres-led government under any circumstances and we expected to get it signed within a day or two," the aide said.

Mr. Peres' Labour Party emerged from last month's inconclusive general election with three more parliamentary seats than Likud. Neither side has so far been able to muster a majority in the assembly and Wednesday's development appeared to make the task more difficult than ever.

Political commentators said Mr. Shamir was now unlikely to recognise Mr. Peres as prime minister and would repeat his demand for a share of the premiership in a rotation system, a proposal rejected by Labour.

A senior official of the ethnic Tami pgrty, which draws support from Jews of Arab countries, said the party's decision to side with Likud still had to be ratified by its central committee.

He was confident the move would be approved. "It's all been decided. We are going to be a faction of the Likud," the official, who asked not to be named, said.

Mr. Peres had been counting on support from Tami's lone parliamentarian Aharon Abuhatzira, whose vote was vital to his chances of forming a narrow coalition should the talks with Mr. Shamir end in failure.

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Egypt honours 'Free Officers' leader

Mubarak leads mourners at funeral for first president

CAIRO (Agencies) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak led mourners at the funeral of Egypt's first president, Mohammad Naguib, who died here Tuesday aged 82.

About 2,000 mourners including cabinet ministers and members of the country's first revolutionary Command Council (RCC), which Naguib chaired in 1953, walked behind the coffin, draped in the Egyptian flag and borne by a gun carriage.

Opposition leaders — Fouad Serageldin of the Wafd Party, Mustafa Kamil Murad of the Liberal Socialist Party and Khaled Moeid of the leftist Unionist Progressive Party — also attended.

The controversy over the role of Naguib may never be solved. Some say he was the leader of the 1952 revolution which overthrew the monarchy, while others contend he was only a figurehead.

The handsome pipe-smoking Naguib was president from the beginning of the July 23rd revolution until November 1954 when he was put under house arrest by Abdel Gamal Abdel Nasser who became president and the

charismatic leader of pan-Arabism and non-alignment.

The "Free Officers' movement was founded by a group of young army officers following the 1948 Palestine war. Led by Nasser, it's aim was to overthrow King Farouk and end British control over Egypt. Seeking a senior officer to give them credibility, the movement invited Naguib, a senior army man who was a hero of the war and respected by the officers, to join their ranks.

Shortly before the revolution started, there were elections at the army's officers club in which Naguib was running against a Farouk-backed opponent. When Naguib won the elections, the king dissolved the club's council, greatly angering the army.

This incident prompted the "Free Officers" to bring forward the date of their revolution, and it was started at dawn on 23rd of July.

But it soon became evident

after the overthrow and exile of King Farouk that effective control of the Revolutionary movement had been held all along by Nasser. An internal struggle developed within the Revolutionary Command Council (RCC) between a Naguib group favouring a return to democratic government and Nasserists determined to maintain military rule.

By 1954 Naguib had been "exiled" in his own country and Nasser assumed the functions of head of state. Naguib was to remain in obscurity until released from house arrest by Nasser's successor, Anwar Sadat.

Naguib remained under house arrest for seventeen years, surrounded only by his immediate family and guards. He was allowed very limited visitors during that period.

Sadat freed him in 1971, but he never reappeared in public life. Pictures of the frail ailing Naguib appeared in local papers after his last reported health problems in July 1983.

The Middle East News Agency said Naguib had suffered from liver cirrhosis for many years. It said he was admitted to a military



Mohammad Naguib

hospital last Sunday where he entered into a coma and died Tuesday.

Mr. Mubarak ordered a state funeral with full military honours for Naguib. But the funeral procession was restricted to officials and public figures and no crowds were allowed in the vicinity, apparently for security reasons.

The ceremony took place at Cairo's northeastern suburb of Nasr City.

Greek, Cypriot leaders discuss U.N. plan

ATHENS (Agencies) — Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou started talks with Greek leaders Wednesday on a United Nations initiative to help settle a long-running dispute between the Turkish- and Greek-Cypriot communities.

Mr. Kyprianou had his first round of talks with Greek President Constantine Karamanlis and Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu at the presidential palace, officials said.

He went afterwards to the prime minister's office, where the talks were continued with the participation of the foreign ministers and high-ranking diplomats from Greece and Cyprus.

The discussions were centred on "working points" which U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar presented to the Greek- and Turkish-Cypriots earlier this month.

The content of the working points is still an official secret. But details leaked to the Greek press indicate they envisage a Cyprus settlement based on a federal system acceptable to both the Greek- and Turkish-Cypriot communities on the Mediterranean island.

The Cyprus problem has become increasingly complex since Turkish troops invaded and occupied some 40 per cent of Cyprus 10 years ago.

Last November, Turkish-Cypriots unilaterally proclaimed an independent state, despite United Nations Security Council condemnation.

The move, has further exacerbated tensions between Greece and Turkey, both members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu has urged national unity in considering Mr. Perez de Cuellar's working points following disagreement between the Cyprus government and two leading Greek-Cypriot political parties — the Akel Communist Party on which Mr. Kyprianou depends for a parliamentary majority and the right-wing Rally Party.

Taba talks to start after Israel coalition is formed

CAIRO (AP) — Butros Ghali, minister of state for foreign affairs, has said that talks with Israel on the disputed Taba border area would start after the formation of the Israeli government.

Mr. Ghali spoke at a meeting of the youth of the ruling National Democratic Party. His comments were carried by Al-Ahram newspaper in its Wednesday edition.

After the Israeli government is formed, negotiations will start to solve the Taba dispute through an international arbitration committee so that Egypt regains its land there and the hotel that Israel built on the land. Mr. Ghali was quoted as saying. He did not give any further details.

Taba is a one square kilometre border area claimed by both Egypt and Israel at the southern tip of the Sinai border.

Under a U.S.-mediated agreement signed on April 25, 1982, both countries agreed to resolve the dispute through conciliation or arbitration. Israel insists that the talks be held partly in occupied Jerusalem, which it has declared as its "eternal and indivisible capital." The talks have been deadlocked since March 1983.

Earlier this month, Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid said that Egypt has agreed to an American proposal to hold talks on Taba with Israel in Washington. He did not elaborate.

Last Sunday, Israeli President Chaim Herzog gave Labour Party leader Shimon Peres another three weeks to build a ruling coalition and form his government. He failed to do so in the first three weeks he was given.

Lagos warns tribal leaders

LAGOS (R) — The Nigerian authorities have warned the country's traditional rulers against embarrassing the government, following a visit by two leading chiefs to Israel earlier this month, according to Radio Lagos.

The radio quoted Brigadier Tunde Idiagbon, who ranks second in Nigeria's military government, as saying traditional rulers should maintain a sense of decorum in line with their status and not put themselves in situations which could embarrass the government.

The two chiefs had talks with Israeli President Chaim Herzog, but one of them, Oba Okunade Sijuwade, insisted the visit was private. He was accompanied by the emir of Kano, one of the most powerful figures in the predominantly Muslim north of Nigeria.

The rulers have no formal political status but wield considerable influence among their people.

Nigeria broke relations with Israel after the 1973 Arab-Israeli war.

Soviet daily criticises Red Sea minehunt

MOSCOW (AP) — A Soviet newspaper charged Wednesday that the United States is carrying out minesweeping operations in the Red Sea in order to try and force nations bordering the sea to host foreign troops on their soil.

The newspaper Sovetskaya Rossiya (Soviet Russia) said the desire for more foreign bases arose after the "recent setbacks" for the United States in Lebanon and in the Gulf, where it said nations had refused "American services" of military hardware.

Now the same nations "which knocked together the notorious multinational force" in Lebanon — Britain, France, Italy and the United States — are dominating an operation to clear the Red Sea of mines, Sovetskaya Rossiya said.

The American minesweeping operation "has far-reaching objectives: the United States wants to compel coastal nations to make concessions, up to granting their territories for the establishment of foreign military bases," it said.

The account did not mention that at least three Soviet ships have been sent to the Red Sea of Indian Ocean recently, apparently either to monitor Western minesweeping operations or to take part in minesweeping moves of their own.

Victory is certain, Mugabe tells Arafat

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — Prime Minister Robert Mugabe, hosting a banquet for Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Tuesday night, urged the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to "intensify the fight" against Israel just as Zimbabwe fought and won its war for independence.

Mr. Mugabe, speaking after official talks with the visiting PLO chairman, said the PLO's struggle "is bound ... to result in victory."

Mr. Mugabe, who earlier welcomed Mr. Arafat at Harare airport with a 19-gun salute usually afforded visiting heads of government, urged Mr. Arafat to "intensify the fight and redouble your efforts, for victory is certain."

The premier, who led the British colony of Rhodesia to independence as Zimbabwe on April

18, 1980 after a seven-year guerrilla war, criticised Israel for "being an ally of the equally aggressive and usurpative regime of South Africa."

"Today, Zionism and apartheid (South Africa's policy of racial segregation) have become birds of a feather. They flock together as they prey on the people of South Africa. They flock together as they invade and destabilise neighbouring states and as they collaborate in all spheres — economic, technical, technological and military," he said.

Mr. Arafat's African tour comes at a time when Israel has been making fresh initiatives with African states to re-establish diplomatic ties with African governments.

In reply to Mr. Mugabe's speech

on Tuesday, Mr. Arafat accused the U.S. government of arming and financing Israel to fight against the PLO. Israel and the U.S. had become allies in what he said were efforts to liquidate the PLO cause.

"Despite these difficulties, the PLO is steadfast in its determination to confront the enemy, armed with a firm resolution to lead our people on the road to victory," Mr. Arafat added.

Diplomats from East bloc and African nations were among hundreds of people gathered at the Harare airport to welcome Mr. Arafat.

Also greeting Mr. Arafat were the chiefs of army, air force and police.

Mr. Arafat was officially invited to Africa's youngest nation by Mr. Mugabe.

Before he arrived, the Zimbabwe Foreign Ministry said in a statement that Mr. Arafat would hold "wide-ranging talks ... on the current situation in the Middle East."

In Lusaka, Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda criticised Arab countries which oppose the PLO leader and denounced the United States for supporting Israel and white-ruled South Africa.

According to the Pan African News Agency, Mr. Kaunda told Mr. Arafat, "there are some (countries) that have handicapped you in the struggle that you lead so well because they want to tell you what to do."

Mr. Arafat said the PLO's aim "is to find a peaceful, comprehensive and lasting solution to the Middle East problem."

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Japan to lend \$70m for JVA water projects

AMMAN (J.T.) — Japan is to lend the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) \$70 million for work on phase two of the Wadi Mujib and South Ghor irrigation project, according to a report published in the latest issue of the Middle East Economic Digest (MEED).

The report said that the 18-year loan, which has seven years grace, carries 4.75 per cent interest. The rest of the money for the JD 186 million scheme, is expected to

come from Arab development funds.

A Japanese feasibility study is to start in September. Diversion of the Mujib river, construction of conversion dam at Wadi Al-Hasa and irrigation and land reclamation will be examined. The scheme is part of a comprehensive rural development programme covering schools, housing, roads, and water and electricity supply, the report concluded.

Students prepare for coming scholastic year

AMMAN (Petra) — Students of the compulsory and secondary stages at schools in the Amman area have been instructed by the Ministry of Education to call at their schools during the first three days of the coming month to receive books, to do their make-up exams and to pay their required fees and contributions for the coming scholastic year, 1984/85.

During these three days, the ministry said, students will be registered and transfers to other schools will be carried out.



MASRI RECEIVES CREDENTIALS: Minister of Foreign Affairs Taher Al Masri receives a copy of the credentials of Mr. Jeremy Craig, the non-resident Irish ambassador accredited to the

Royal Hashemite Court (left) and a copy of the credentials of the non-resident Senegali Ambassador Yousef Baro (right). (Petra photo)

Training course on quality control concludes

AMMAN (J.T.) — A training course on quality control in food industries ended in Amman Wednesday. Nine Arab states participated in the 11-day course

which was organised by the Amman-based Arab Organisation for Standardisation and Metrology (AOSM).

Participants from Jordan, Iraq,

Syria, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Sudan and South Yemen heard lectures and conducted practical work related to controlling the quality of food.

Gymnik folklore troupe illustrates rural life in the Slovakia region

By Olga Mikhael

Special to the Jordan Times

JERASH — The 29 members of the Gymnik Folklore Group performed a series of dynamic dances depicting life in the mountains of the socialist republic of Slovakia during their shows at the Jerash Festival.

The members of the Gymnik troupe, all students from Bratislava University, performed eight dances representing different old folklore traditions of Slovakia.

The performance started with a rhythmic dance entitled "Goralski" which was performed by

eight dancers who illustrated the traditions of the Gorals, an ethnic group which live in Poland and the High Tatras in the northern part of Slovakia.

The five musicians, accompanying the dancers with a cello, two violins, an accordion and a flute, played sad, doleful tunes that did not match the energy and dynamism of the dances.

Cultural identity

This sad touch in the Slovakian music dates back to the 800-year Austro-Hungarian occupation of the country and reflects the continuous struggle against the occupying cultures.

"We succeeded in maintaining our cultural identity in Slovakia despite the occupying forces attempts to replace and change them," Mr. Zoberi, the Gymnik group leader told the Jordan Times.

The group also performed solo and pair Ghardash and polka dances, typical to eastern Slovakia, just on the Hungarian border. These dances, with their quick steps are similar to the Hungarian folk dances.

The "Frog and Jump dance," "Horse Dance," and "Wooling Dance," were performed by the troupe and represented typical folkloric dances from north and central Slovakia where the boys were always competing and fighting, each showing his physical strength. These active dances highlighted the physical skills and agility of the performers.

During the show, two of the musicians played the pipes, fujara and gajdica, typical shepherd's musical instruments, which added a cheerful and lively touch to the show. Women's dances during carnivals, and jocular songs of old women from Terchova were also performed and sang, accompanied by a musician playing the accordion, which all together depicted the varied life of rural communities in the region.



Members of the Gymnik folklore troupe from Czechoslovakia display their beautiful rural costumes and traditional dances of the Slovakia region. (J.T. file photo)

Jerash Festival exhibition displays original works of Jordanian artists

By a Jordan Times staff reporter

JERASH — Even though the Third Jerash Festival is not yet over, there is a general feeling that this year's festival has been a great success, that in every area there has been a marked improvement over the previous festivals. One of these areas is the art exhibition whose venue is the wonderful 100 feet long perfectly preserved Zeus Vault.

This year, in order to stimulate the creation of new works especially for the festival, the organisers introduced the idea of a competition. Entries submitted had to convey the spirit of Jerash or the festival or both. Any media was acceptable and the three winners — one from each category: sculpture, painting and photography — are to be selected by Her Majesty Queen Noor herself.

Around 70 works of art were entered for the competition, from which 32 were selected by a specially formed committee, chaired by architect and art collector Jafar Toukan. It is from these artworks — many of which are extremely good and original — that the Queen will make the final choice.

Many of the pieces included in the exhibition are by new and unfamiliar names to the Jordan art scene, something which the organisers are very pleased about as part of their aim was to encourage younger and less well known artists. The lack of work by Jordan's established artists is partly due to the fact that several of them were on the selection committee.

Originally the exhibition in the vault consisted of just the 32 works of art selected by the committee. Later, this was expanded to include all the competition entries as well as some lovely drawings by the children at the Haya Centre. Part of the space has also been given over to a small exhibition of the mathematical genius of one of Jerash's ancient Roman inhabitants — Nicomachos. Written with humour and with a simplicity that makes the complicated formulas seem accessible by Othman Malhas, the text is illustrated with a delightful ceramic statue of the pondering Nicomachos by Hazem Zobi.

As well as the introduction of a competition, other successful improvements to the exhibition have been the sealing of both the entrance and exit of the vault with strong wooden gates, which gives the artworks more security and the introduction of an entrance fee. Although this is only 10 piasters, it effectively means that only the people who really want to see the exhibition will make the effort. It is no longer just a casual place to stroll through. The proceeds taken at the entrance also give the organisers some idea of how many people are attending the exhibition and it has been estimated that since the festival opened more than 5,000 people have seen the show — a number that not only testifies to the popularity of the exhibition but one that shows that the works in the vault receive far more exposure to the public than they would ever if they were shown in any other gallery in Jordan.

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Nijem stands in for Awqaf minister

AMMAN (Petra) — A Royal Decree was issued Wednesday appointing Public Works Minister Rayef Nijem as Acting Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs. Awqaf Minister Abed Khalaf Daoudieh is presently in Mecca at the head of the Jordanian pilgrimage delegation.

Eleven die in week's road accidents

AMMAN (Petra) — Eleven people were killed and another 140 injured as a result of 230 road accidents which occurred all over the country during the last week, according to the weekly statistical bulletin issued by the Public Security Department. The bulletin said that 159 of these accidents occurred in Amman.

ACC grants JD 711,700 to farmers

AMMAN (Petra) — The Agricultural Credit Corporation (ACC) board of directors had agreed to grant a total of JD 711,700 as loans to farmers to finance 198 agricultural projects. The new loans will be used for protected agriculture, introducing modern irrigation techniques, drilling artesian wells, reclaiming land as well as planting trees. The total loans granted by the ACC to farmers since the beginning of this year until the end of this month reached JD 3,200,000. The loans were used to finance 769 agricultural projects.

Jordan-Kuwait Bank supports the arts

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Highness Princess Wijdan, the president of the Royal Society for Fine Arts, has received a cheque for JD 10,000 from Jordan-Kuwait Bank Director General Sufyan Al Sartawi support the society's activities. The society will build a hall at the National Gallery in the name of the bank to display art works.

Court fines three merchants

AMMAN (Petra) — Three Jordanian merchants have been fined by the military court for violating Ministry of Supply regulations. They will each pay fines of JD 70. The military governor Wednesday endorsed the sentences.

Delegates call for market surveys

Arab industrialists issue proposals

AMMAN (Petra) — A three-day seminar which evaluated a handbook used in Arab industrial projects was concluded in Amman Wednesday. The seminar, in which delegates from 10 Arab states took part, issued recommendations which included among other things a call on the Arab Organisation for Industrial Development (AOID) to conduct a survey on Arab markets, to carry out feasibility studies on all economic projects and to offer advice on their benefits.

The recommendation also included a call on Arab statistics offices and specialised Arab organisations to cooperate with the AOID to develop the Arab Industrial Information Bank by supplying it on a regular basis with statistical data and information.

The handbook the delegates reviewed deals with the facilities and services that should be offered to Arab industrial projects, including power, water, transportation and postal and banking services.

The representatives of Jordanian ministries of industry in several Arab states, the Council of Arab Economic Unity, and several economic experts took part in the seminar which was organised by AOID and the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation.

Children's committee to be established

ZARQA (Petra) — Minister of Social Development Abdul Salam Kan'an announced here that a special national children's committee will be established soon to supervise activities designed to serve children in Jordan.

The minister, who was speaking at a meeting held at the Zarqa Club, said that the committee will

form technical teams to organise these activities. Mr. Kan'an also spoke about the ministry's efforts to support the work of voluntary and charitable societies in Jordan and the process of rehabilitating handicapped children in order to help them contribute towards their society.

At the meeting, attended by

representatives of voluntary and charitable societies in Zarqa, the minister said that social work is a joint responsibility of both citizens and the government. Voluntary societies, he said, should coordinate their work in such a manner that each can cover part of the required social service which complements the work of others.

Talhouni lauds Arab-Soviet ties

MOSCOW (Petra) — President of the Jordanian-Soviet Friendship Society Bahjat Al Talhouni has praised the ties of friendship between the Arab and Soviet peoples. In a speech at the opening session of the society's board meeting here, Mr. Talhouni praised Soviet support for Arab just

causes.

He said that the Soviet Union stands by its basic principles with regard to the Middle East question and Moscow's views in this respect are in agreement with those of the Arab countries and United Nations resolutions.

Mr. Talhouni, who is member of Jordan's Upper House of Parliament, referred to the recent Soviet initiative for settling the Middle East issue. He said that this initiative was welcomed by Jordan and the Arab World because it constitutes a realistic basis for a just Middle East settlement.

Czechoslovakian goods exhibition aims to promote trade exchange with Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — Arrangements for opening a Czechoslovakian economic event at the Marriott Hotel in Amman were reviewed at a meeting here Tuesday by deputy director of the Amman Chamber of Industry Abdul Hamid Omar, and the Czechoslovakian charge d'Affaires, Dr. Emil Hruscky.

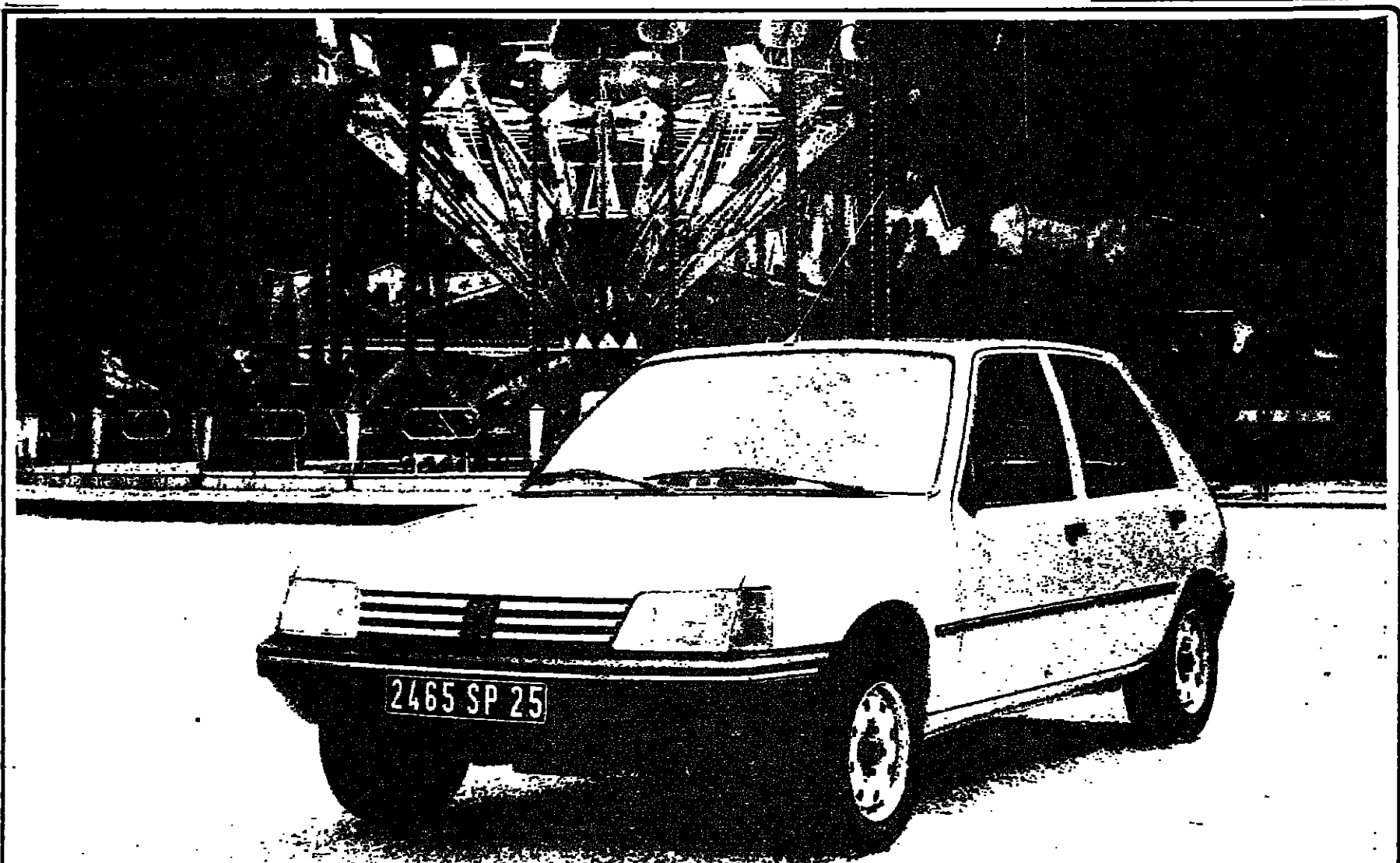
The economic event, to be held from Sept. 3 to Sept. 6, will be a first attempt to promote Czechoslovakian trade with Jordan. Although overall trade turnover does not exceed \$15 million a year, Czechoslovakian officials hope that the economic event will help to boost trade between the

two countries. Czechoslovakia exports steel, textiles, glass, plastics, washing machines and refrigerators to Jordan and imports Jordanian phosphates.

Apart from a daily exhibition of fashion and consumer items including shoes, textiles, glass and other products, there will be a video programme showing the natural scenery of Czechoslovakia, foundry equipment, rubber plants, telephone exchanges, household appliances and construction works offered by the Czechoslovakian Foreign Trade Organisation for export.

A Czechoslovakian economic delegation representing the chambers of commerce and industry, businessmen and other officials headed by the Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade Vladimir Novacek and Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Pomien Matuska are expected in Amman to attend the event.

Local companies representing Czechoslovakia in Jordan or cooperating with individual Czechoslovakian foreign trade organisations are also taking part in the economic event exhibiting products of firms for whom they act.



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The rabbi fails

IF MEIR Kahane's planned entry into the Arab village of Umm Al Fahm Wednesday was the harbinger of a Jewish crusade to expel the Arabs from their lands and homes, it also was a resounding victory for Palestinian determination and steadfastness. Kahane and his supporters sought to wage a campaign of fear against the Arabs. What they got was the only answer their lot understands. Determined people with right on their side never give in to blackmail and fascism.

The human wall formed by the Arabs of Umm Al Fahm and reasonable Jews blocked the entry of the extremist rabbi and forced the police to take him away with his followers. Their chants of "Kahane, your grave will be here," and "they will not pass," should not have been heard only by the Kach fanatics, but also by the whole world.

This is a fine day for the fight against Jewish racism and fanaticism. But the real battle is just starting.

The United States, to which Kahane said he would be flying today to raise money for his campaign of terror, should be the first country to recognise the evil aims of this man and the over 20,000 Israelis who voted for him last month. It is not enough for an official at the State Department to say Americans "disapprove of his actions." Nor is it acceptable for the U.S. government to deliberate for a year over whether he should be stripped of his American nationality. The U.S., with the moral obligation that it should have, more than any other country, for the plight of the Palestinians, should look deeper into the roots that sprang to create Kahane, and people like him, from the heart of its towns and cities. It should know better that the bulk of Jewish extremism stems largely from the total and blind support given to Israelis by the U.S. treasury and Zionist organisations.

But, granted, Washington has become inured to our pleas. It will not do a thing to help the just cause of the Palestinians in their homeland. The full responsibility falls upon Arab shoulders to help the Palestinian people regain its legitimate rights and free itself from the yoke of occupation.

To those reasonable Israelis who stood by the Arabs of Umm Al Fahm, and who stand up daily to unthinking Jewish nationalism and extremism, we extend a hand of peace and friendship. To them, and to all peace-loving people, we say "yes" to Arab-Jewish co-existence based upon justice and equal rights for all.

We believe there is a long way to go before real peace and stability are achieved in this area, but it is only through hard work, determination and sacrifice that we can succeed. Kahane and his lot can go to hell, for all we know.

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Al Ra'i: Anti-Arab offensive

THE ARAB League Assistant Secretary-General Abdul Muhsein Zalzalah has said that the establishment of a U.S.-Israeli free trade zone is bound to endanger the security of the Arab World and the Arabs have to find the means to confront this new serious challenge. There has been talk about the project in U.S. and Israeli circles until the U.S. Republican Party announced the project as part of its manifesto for the forthcoming presidential elections in the United States.

The Arab boycott regulations against Israel have to date formed a kind of blockade around the Zionist enemy, preventing Israeli goods from reaching Arab and African markets. Yet, this projected U.S.-Israeli free trade zone will have adverse effects on this boycott and will in the end render it ineffective, since the U.S. will be helping to promote the marketing of Israeli goods in the Third World.

No doubt, the Republican Party's announcement that President Reagan will go ahead with the free trade zone scheme reflects the true hostile nature of the U.S. towards the Arab Nation and is a clear demonstration of its conspiracies against our economy and future, and projects Washington's attempts to impose economic, cultural and military hegemony on the Arab States.

There is no need to reiterate our condemnation of U.S. hostility towards the Arabs, since such condemnation does not change anything. We ought to take a brave stand and embark on practical steps to confront the U.S.-Israeli challenge.

Al Dustour: Violence hangs over Beirut

THE SERIES of sufferings inflicted on the Lebanese people seem to be endless. Despite long years of killing, destruction and ruin, the Lebanese people continue to carry on practices that perpetuate this tragedy regardless of agreements they reached for bringing peace and stability to their country.

The latest outbreaks of heavy fighting among various factions and between two opposing army units reveal that the fire is still simmering under a cover of ash, and the possibility of an all-out civil war cannot be ruled out.

Following a failure by the government to impose a security plan for the mountains around Beirut, armed men reappeared in the streets of Beirut ready to resume the fighting. It is a grim outlook which the people of Beirut and Tripoli are now facing. How do the Lebanese expect the U.N. Security Council to give them justice and evict the Israelis from southern Lebanon if they are unable to seek justice among themselves and end a conflict that threatens their very existence. How can the Lebanese in the North turn their attention to liberating the southern regions of Lebanon from Israeli occupation, if they are preoccupied in their little wars to please their leaders that seek personal glories. The Lebanese people have had enough sufferings and enough destruction, and it is time for stopping all bloodshed and restarting the building process.

Sawt Al Shaab: Economic priority evident

THE MEETING of the Arab Economic and Social Council in Amman represents a good chance for the Arabs to consider the challenges confronting them on the economic and social fronts. Economic action in fact remains the basis for any Arab agreement and at the same time helps strengthen Arab countries' position in the face of challenges and external threats.

The participants in the two-day meeting are aware of the deteriorating political situation in the Arab region and realise that this no doubt affects the economic and social condition of the Arab Nation. They also know that political differences among the leaders of Arab states have been impeding development and the implementation of Arab League economic projects and that these differences are indeed creating new problems and new obstacles for the future.

The Arab finance and economy ministers meeting here are confronted with an agenda that requires considerable attention and responsible and brave stands. They must reach a decision on the future of economic action, quite independent from any political influences.

Pro-Israeli PACs active in '84 fund-raising

WASHINGTON — At least 54 political action committees, with names that do not reveal their political purposes, have mustered more than \$4.25 million to influence the 1984 American elections in favour of policies, appropriations and congressional candidates that support Israel.

The funds were identified as pro-Israel by Edward Roeder, Washington editor of Sunshine News Service, which specialises in campaign finance, in interviews with or documents obtained from officials of the committees and contributors as well as party political committees, campaign organisations and lobbyists.

The committees have concentrated their funds on congressional committees with jurisdiction over foreign policy, spending and military affairs. They have donated more than \$576,000 to the campaigns of members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee who have consistently supported Israeli interests or to opponents of committee members who have not voted consistently in

favour of Israeli interests. In addition, Mr. Roeder's study showed, these committees have contributed to campaigns in 29 of the 33 Senate elections this year and 154 of the 435 House races this year, and to campaigns in every state except Utah and Idaho.

More than three-quarters of the money has gone to Democrats. Mr. Roeder's computer analysis of financial reports filed through July with the Federal Election Commission shows that these committees have already contributed more than \$130,000 to each of three Democratic Senate campaigns. The largest amount, \$147,870, went to Representative Paul Simon of Illinois, who is opposing Senator Charles H. Percy, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Senator Carl Levin of Michigan, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee seeking re-election, has been given \$140,063. Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. of North Carolina, who is challenging Senator Jesse Helms, a

Foreign Relations Committee member, has received some \$130,350.

Senator Rudy Boschwitz, Republican of Minnesota, a strong supporter of Israel who heads the Near Eastern Affairs Subcommittee of the Foreign Relations Committee, has received \$95,100 for his re-election effort thus far, more than all other Senate Republicans combined.

Nature of disclosure law

Representative Clarence D. Long, Democrat of Missouri, chairman of the Foreign Operations Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, has received \$97,500 from pro-Israel political action committees for his re-election campaign, more than four times as much as any other House candidate.

Political action committees, groups that legally raise and spend money to influence federal elections, are required to register with the Federal Election Commission and to report publicly

their fund-raising and contributions. But the disclosure law does not require them to make known their political interests or purposes.

The law allows the committees to choose any name if they do not have a "sponsor" such as a corporation, labour union or trade or professional organisation that pays their operating expenses. None of the pro-Israel committees are sponsored, and thus they are registered under names that do not signal their interests to those who peruse campaign finance disclosure reports.

The active pro-Israel political action committees have names that do not suggest the Middle East, Israel, Zionism, American Jewry or even foreign policy.

The largest pro-Israel committee, called National Political Action Committee, raised more than \$1 million and contributed directly to congressional candidates nationwide in the 1981-82 election cycle and has raised nearly \$1.5 million thus far in 1983-

84. Its officials acknowledge their purpose is to elect members of Congress who will support Israeli interests in Congress.

Names of some committees

Other pro-Israel committees that have raised more than \$100,000 thus far in this election cycle are called Americans for Good Government (\$104,067); Citizens Organised Political Action Committee (\$117,493); Delaware Valley PAC (\$205,970); Desert Caucus (\$145,042); Florida Congressional Committee (\$101,605); Joint Action Committee for Political Affairs (\$281,111); Roundtable PAC (\$158,157); San Franciscans for Good Government (\$110,329); St. Louisians for Better Government (\$129,975); and Washington Political Action Committee (\$184,166).

Candidates for 29 of the 33 Senate seats for which elections will be held this year have received \$119,925 thus far from the pro-Israel committees, which have

also given \$851,873 to senators now in office but not facing re-election. The same committees have given \$684,465 in 1983-84 to candidates for the 435 House seats. According to the latest reports filed with the election commission, these committees now have \$838,847 in cash on hand.

Pro-Israel committees have favoured House Democrats over House Republicans, giving 120 House Democrats an average of \$4,696 each and 34 House Republican candidates an average of \$3,554 each. Overall, Democratic House candidates have received \$563,616 while Republican House candidates have received \$120,849. Twenty times as much of the pro-Israel money went to incumbent representatives as to nonincumbents.

Among senators and 1984 Senate candidates, the pro-Israel committees have given \$1,492,873 to Democrats, roughly three times as much as the \$477,925 they have given to Republicans. The New York Times

Israeli brutality forces South fighters to change tactics

By Jonathan Wright
 Reuters

TYRE, South Lebanon — Israeli brutality in countering the activities of the underground resistance in South Lebanon has forced the resistance fighters to adopt less ambitious tactics, military sources say.

Although the number of attacks on the occupation forces has remained more or less constant, the Israelis, better defended and more thinly deployed than ever, have been taking fewer and fewer casualties.

Arrests, isolation from Beirut and an efficient system of informers are also wearing down the resilience of the guerrillas, most of whom work independently in small groups.

The Israeli practice of res-

ponding to attacks by firing automatic weapons in all directions has kept the gunmen at a distance and raised doubts among civilians about the value of armed resistance.

Lebanese fighters now prefer to fire at fixed Israeli positions from at least 300 metres instead of attacking moving targets at close range, the sources said.

"The resistance only aims to harass them, to keep them on their toes, they're not intent on casualties," said a Western military source with long experience of the South.

Perhaps the most significant change in recent times has been the partial withdrawal of Israeli troops from the area around the port of Sidon and from Jabal Amel, the predominantly Shi'ite

Muslim hill country south of the Zahrani River.

Israeli officers say the redeployments have reduced the size of the occupation force which has been in southern Lebanon since Israel invaded in mid-1982. Its place has been taken by the mainly Christian "South Lebanon Army" (SLA), which the guerrillas apparently see as a less attractive target.

The Israeli troops that remain tend to be concentrated in relatively safe areas, either in the long-established border strip with Israel or along the Awali line which forms the northern edge of the occupied area.

A new road linking the inland town of Jezzeine to the headquarters of the Israeli-backed SLA at Marjayoun, near the Is-

raeli border, completes the encirclement of the mainly Muslim centre.

By controlling the edges, the Israelis could hold on to the South indefinitely with only minimal casualties and at a reduced financial cost, the military sources say.

Israeli soldiers are now a rare sight in the streets of central Sidon, once a favourite area for the resistance.

The emphasis has shifted 35 kilometres south to the area around Tyre, where the occupation forces maintain a string of heavily defended positions along the main coast road.

From central Tyre last week, columns of smoke could be seen rising inland where guerrillas had made two attacks on this fortified

line. There were no casualties and the guerrillas escaped.

International Red Cross officials say the number of prisoners in the Israeli-run Ansar detention camp has been rising at about 10 a week. Many more, hundreds according to Lebanese Minister of State for the South Nabih Berri, are held briefly in interrogation centres.

Residents say most of the arrests stem from the efforts of informers and collaborators, who live in a murky world on the edge of southern society.

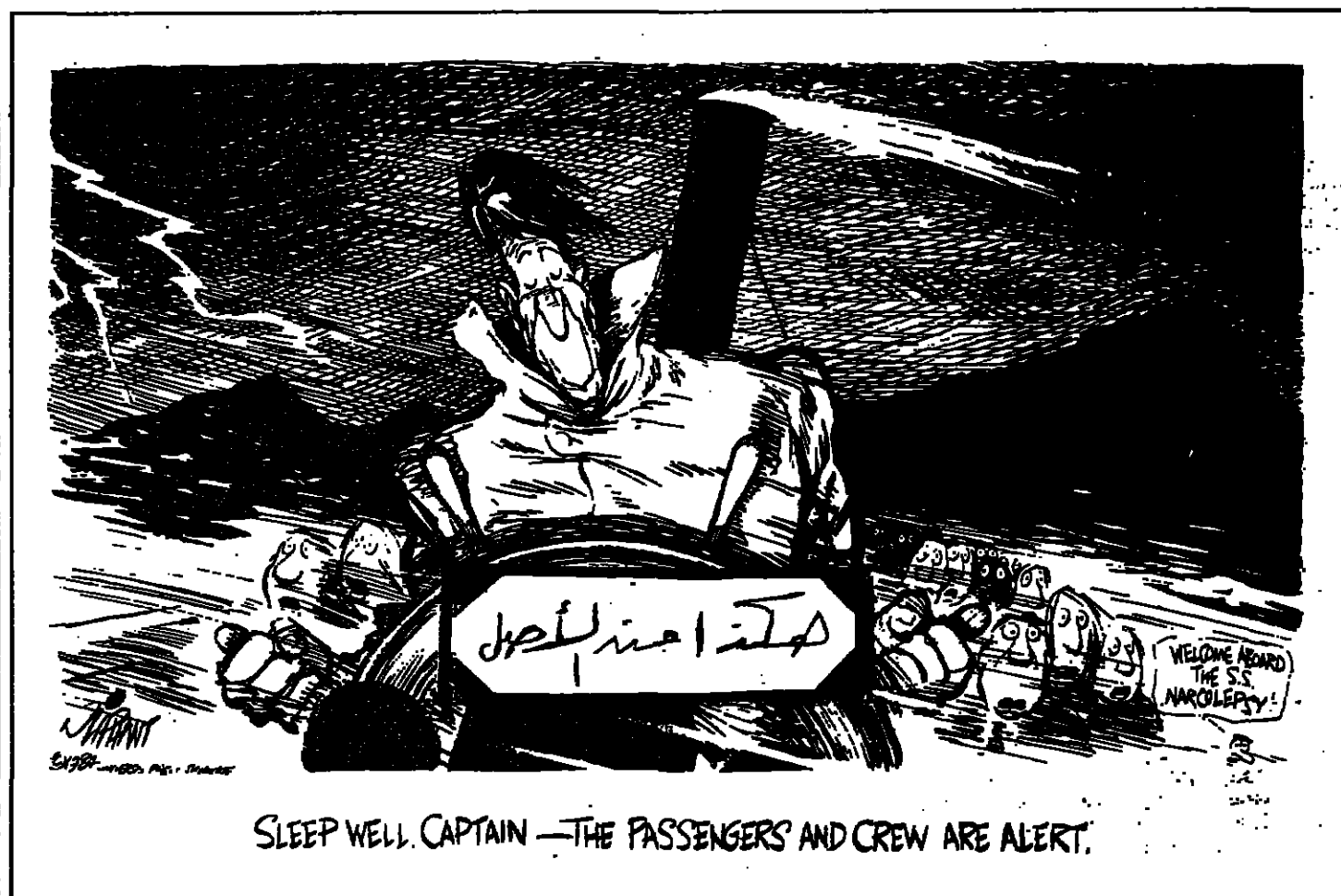
In the last two weeks alone, six or seven suspected informers have been shot dead in the Tyre area. The killers usually work at night or fire from speeding cars as their victims sit in the open in cafes or restaurants.

The military sources say the resistance is divided into two distinct categories — semi-professional Communists working in small groups, and religiously motivated amateurs carrying out relatively amateurish and sporadic attacks.

Shi'ite Muslim activists in the South dispute the size of the Communist contribution, arguing they have lost popular support through their pre-invasion alliance with Palestinians.

Despite their success in reducing their casualties, the military sources say the Israelis are unlikely ever to be able to suppress all resistance activity.

The South is still awash with hoarded weaponry and ammunition left over from the days when Palestinian guerrillas held sway in much of the region.



Strong American prelate's star in decline

By John Winn Miller
 Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Just two years ago Archbishop Paul C. Marcinkus was considered the most powerful American in the Vatican. He had the ear of the Pope, two influential posts and appeared certain to be named a cardinal.

Then in June 1982 a Milanese banker died under mysterious circumstances in London.

The death triggered Italy's worst postwar financial scandal, cost the Vatican more than \$250 million and unleashed a rash of allegations and investigations that still dog Arch. Marcinkus and the Vatican Bank.

"Nothing has been proven about mismanagement ... therefore the Pope is reluctant to slap him down," said a high-ranking prelate connected to Vatican finances.

Rather than give credence to a lot of allegations and draw publicity by firing or demoting him outright, Vatican officials have "applied the typical Roman solution," he said.

First Arch. Marcinkus was stripped of his role as Papal bodyguard and advance man on all foreign trips. There was no formal announcement or explanation — He just didn't show up when Pope John Paul II went to Spain in October 1982.

His titles as president of the Vatican Bank and pro-president, or mayor, of the Vatican city-state haven't changed but the structure

has. "Now Arch. Marcinkus is in effect second in command. He is manager instead of president," said the prelate, who asked not to be named.

Once Arch. Marcinkus answered only to the Pope for the way he ran the Vatican Bank, a full-service bank that is supposed to be for religious orders. It is officially known as the Institute for Religious Works.

But in late 1982, the Vatican appointed a permanent board of four international financiers to oversee the bank and report to Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, the Vatican's secretary of state.

"For the bank, Casaroli now has the main role," said the prelate. A similar manoeuvre was carried out for the Vatican City job, where Arch. Marcinkus has been in charge of the day-to-day operations of the city state since 1981.

The job was traditionally held by a cardinal, putting Arch. Marcinkus in line for a promotion. But in a major reshuffling of the Vatican bureaucracy in April, Pope John Paul appointed a special committee headed by a cardinal to oversee the city's administration. That commission also reports to Card. Casaroli.

"I became a priest to serve my people. If I can't do it here I'll do it somewhere else," Arch. Marcinkus said in a recent conversation at his Vatican Bank office just below the Papal apartment. "My life here has been very profitable, very rewarding."

The 62-year-old archbishop,

however, said he did not want to go into detail about his problems "because now is not the time. I don't want to get people angry."

"Some people may disagree with the way I do things," he said. Alternating between cigarettes and a pipe, the towering, bald archbishop complained that a lot of the things he does are misunderstood, particularly by the press.

"What hurts is when they accuse me of something and don't know anything about me," he said in between jokes about his fondness for golf and tennis.

"I'd say that 99.9 per cent of my life has been an open book. Perhaps I'm too frank," he said.

But what has caused the problem is his secretive dealings in the world of Italian high finance.

By the time Arch. Marcinkus became president of the bank in 1971, Italian financier Michele Sindona was already the Vatican's top financial adviser.

The Vatican reportedly lost millions of dollars when Mr. Sindona's empire collapsed in 1974. Last July, the lay managing director of the Vatican Bank, Luigi Meninzi, was convicted and sentenced to seven years in prison for his involvement in the failure of Sindona's Banca Privata.

Mr. Meninzi is still at the bank and free from jail while his case is being appealed. Mr. Sindona is serving a 25-year sentence in New York for the collapse of his Franklin National Bank.

Another Vatican financial adv-

iser was Roberto Calvi, president of the Milan-based Banco Ambrosiano, Italy's largest private bank.

The Vatican Bank became one of his biggest customers and stockholders. Mr. Marcinkus even sat on the board of directors of one of its subsidiaries, Banco Ambrosiano Overseas Ltd. in the Bahamas.

As his debts mounted and creditor banks began pressuring for repayment, Mr. Calvi turned to Mr. Marcinkus for help.

In September 1981, the archbishop wrote Mr. Calvi what bankers call letters of comfort saying that the Vatican controlled the dummy companies and was aware of their debts. At the same time, Mr. Calvi gave Mr. Marcinkus another letter releasing the Vatican from any financial responsibility for the companies.

Mr. Calvi apparently was able to use the letters of comfort to keep his empire afloat a little longer.

But on June 18, 1982, Mr. Calvi was found hanging by the neck under a bridge in London. A coroner's jury said that it could not decide whether he was murdered or committed suicide.

When Bank examiners discovered the huge loans and that the money was unrecoverable, the government liquidated Banco Ambrosiano. Where the money went is still a mystery, although most was believed used by Mr. Calvi to gain control of the Banco Ambrosiano and finance a buying spree of Italian companies.

'Warriors for Jerusalem: The six days that changed the Middle East'

By Donald Neff
 Reviewed by Byron Farwell

IN 1922, there were fewer than 84,000 Jews living among the 600,000 Arabs in British-controlled Palestine. Within 50 years, by immigration and the use of terrorist tactics, the Jews there were able to eject the British, subjugate the Arabs, and create a Jewish state — another new nation to set a-flutter the peace of the world.

In 1967, the wild rhetoric of Egypt's Gamal Abdul Nasser and leaders of the Arab world made it easy for Israel plausibly to proclaim itself threatened and to find an excuse to launch an undeclared war upon its neighbours. In *Warriors for Jerusalem: The Six Days That Changed the Middle East*, Donald Neff points out that "it was not fear of Egypt or the closure of the Straits of Tiran" that made the Israeli cabinet decide on war. It was "the Israeli generals' confidence that victory would be theirs."

Mr. Neff's book is a political rather than a military history and it is close to today's headlines, for, as George W. Ball has written, it describes how the war "left festering problems which still threaten the innocence and prosperity of our diplomats."

Mr. Neff finds it significant that even today the United States pays for one third of Israel's defence budget and that 30 per cent of all our foreign aid goes to Israel.

On June 5, 1967, in what was called a pre-emptive strike, Israeli warplanes pounced upon military airfields in Egypt, Syria and Jordan, effectively destroying each country's air force. Then, with clear superiority, in the skies, the Israelis proceeded to chew up the land forces of first Egypt and then Jordan.

Although both Syria and Israel had agreed to a ceasefire arranged through the United Nations, the Israelis launched a surprise attack upon Syria. To keep their preparations secret, they attacked the USS Liberty, an intelligence-gathering ship, in international waters off the Israeli coast. Thirty-four American sailors were killed, and 171 more were wounded in attacks by Israeli warplanes and torpedo boats — the latter even machine-gunned and sank lowered life boats. The Liberty also found its airways jammed when it tried to call for help.

Although the ship flew an eight-foot American flag and was unmistakably marked as an American vessel, Israeli officials quickly claimed that the attack was "an accident."

Mr. Neff says that the Israelis would not have begun their aggression without being confident of the continued support of the Uni-

ted States. Thanks to the pro-Israeli stance of President Johnson, his advisers and friends, they were given that confidence.

President Johnson is described by Mr. Neff as "a natural political conniver and congressional manipulator ... a man of social vision and international myopia. When it came to foreign affairs, he was an American innocent abroad." He learned heavily upon friends to advise him. Not all of these inspire confidence in their objectivity.

One close friend of the president was Arthur Krim, president of United Artists and chairman of the Democratic Party's finance committee. Mr. Neff calls him "a powerful Jewish American fund raiser." Another was Mr. Krim's wife, Mathilde, a "striking blond" in her late 30s. She was born in Italy and raised a Roman Catholic, but she later became a Lutheran and then, after falling in love with an Israeli who was a member of terrorist Irgun, converted to Judaism. She married the Israeli and herself carried out Irgun assignments in Europe.

The United States was pledged to neutrality and the preservation of territorial boundaries, but Mr. Johnson "found himself deep in political debt to a pressure group ... (that) tended to blind the president ... to the claims of the Arabs, which the country was also pledged to protect." Lyndon Johnson had no close Arab friends.

Immediately after hostilities ceased, the Israelis, in violation of the Geneva Convention on the protection of civilians, to which Israel was signatory, bulldozed 135 Arab homes in Jerusalem, giving the owners three hours to clear out. They were the first of 6,500 Arabs to be dispossessed in Jerusalem. Throughout the conquered Arab lands, villages were destroyed with bulldozers and dynamite. There was widespread looting.

Mr. Neff describes how "the United States in effect promoted the illicit behaviour of Israel." It did this "by allowing Israel to retain its conquests, to annex Jerusalem, to settle occupied territories, to inflict collective punishment on defenceless people."

Furthermore, says Mr. Neff, "the United States inadvertently gave succour to the most extreme political fringe in Israeli society," and this led to the rise to power of men such as Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir, former leaders of terrorist organisations whose backgrounds will not bear close scrutiny.

Donald Neff has made himself an expert on the political history of Israel's wars. (This is his second such book.) He writes with the confidence that stems from thorough and careful research, and in splendid, readable prose — The Middle East Times, Nicosia.

An interview with Alberto Moravia

The bomb renders absurd all fundamentals

By Philippe Pons

At 76, an age when most people prefer to sit back and take stock of their lives, the celebrated Italian novelist Alberto Moravia has just embarked on a course which until now he had resolutely avoided — that of being elected to public office: he stood successfully as an independent candidate on the list of the Italian Communist Party (PCI) at last June's European parliamentary elections.

With his usual knack for coming up with both question and answer, he recently published an "interview" with himself in Italy's biggest evening newspaper, *Corriere della Sera*, in which he said, among other things: "I don't like public life. In fact I don't like power, whether big or small. In my view, the game is not worth the candle." A few years ago, Moravia said he thought the empire of Genghis Khan was "a miserable thing" compared with literature. So why did he stand for the European Parliament? Philippe Pons tried to find out.

Q: What does Europe represent for you? Doesn't it strike you as being on its last legs, almost as though it had already played out its historical role?

A: True, Europe has been weakened by two world wars and the ordeal of Nazism and fascism. The Europe of nations is being killed by its own nationalities, rather like an organism which is killed by its own qualities. Europeans have failed to find the fulcrum that would enable them to respond to the idea of Europe.

Even so, I believe Europe remains the keystone of modern thought. It has not been robbed of that role by either the United States, the Soviet Union, or Japan. Having said that, I am quite convinced that Europe is a conservative continent which no longer asks itself the fundamental questions — or else it couches them in the wrong terms.

Q: Within Europe, do you feel you have any particular affinities with Mediterranean culture as such?

A: I don't believe in the Mediterranean. It was once the cradle of our civilisation, but that is no longer the case. Lord Byron's Mediterranean was the last Mediterranean to have existed. I feel too European to feel Mediterranean.

Q: Despair is a theme that runs like a leitmotif through all your work — including your latest book, "1934". If it had been set in 1984, would it have been so marked by despair?

A: Indifference, ennui and despair are major characteristics of the century we live in. In that respect, my novels have lost nothing of their topicality. I say indifference because Europe does not have enough responsibility; ennui because it is wealthy and sated; and despair, because it has no grand design, no Utopian ideal.

Q: Why did you stand as candidate for the European Parliament?

A: Not for political reasons. I'm bored by politics. The artist strives after the absolute, whereas for the politician everything is relative and contingent. An artist can only make a bad politician. I didn't

stand as candidate on humanitarian grounds, but for personal, existential reasons — simply because the bomb exists. It's an issue I've thought over not as a politician, nor as a pacifist, but as an intellectual.

The existence of atomic weapons has gradually changed our notion of the world. The bomb means the death of the human species. It is such an apocalyptic concept that it has drained the great political conflicts of their substance; ideological conflicts of their substance; ideological motivations are becoming weaker and weaker. The bomb renders absurd everything that once might have been perceived as fundamental, such as revolution, the defence of existing values, and so on. That is the essence of the Bomb culture we live in.

Q: What can be done about it?

A: The issue has to be removed from the political arena. I believe that the Soviet Union and the United States are basically working hand in hand to avoid a situation where an atomic war might occur. At the same time, they have no

desire for peace, as each is struggling for world supremacy. So, well, it is very different from the two problems — atomic war, French Communist Party, you somehow be separated.

Q: Are these the arguments you intend to defend before the European parliament?

A: What I want is a sounding board. I'm a bit like those unemployed Italians who have been climbing to the top of the Coliseum and threatening to jump off just to draw attention to themselves. I have two works awaiting publication, a novel called "L'Homme Qui Regarde" ("The Man Who Looks") and a play, "La Cintura" ("The Belt"), on nuclear war. The European Parliament will lead to other things. I've been thinking about the bomb for years now.

Q: Why were you on the PCI list?

A: I've always been "on the left", as they say. The PCI was the first party to ask me to stand as candidate. And then I like the PCI for what one might call "local" reasons. It has a national call to it that appeals to me; and there are

Q: Generally speaking, how would you describe your relationship with Marxism?

A: Historically, I have fished in the same waters as Jean-Paul Sartre, though without zigzagging quite as much as he did. When I founded the magazine *Nuovi Argomenti*, I modelled it on Sartre's *Les Temps Modernes*. On the other hand, I never got involved in politics in the same way as Sartre. I twice turned down the chance of becoming a senator.

I don't really like politics. It is a boring and basically cavalier profession: politicians say one thing, and then completely change their tune a few years later.

Q: Are you more directly concerned by the individual than by the masses?

A: In the last account, it is the individual who is always responsible, never the masses — *Le Monde*.

Randa Habib's Corner

Male superiority complex

MALE SUPERIORITY in Jordan is undoubtedly a reality, because many events, minor or major, are there to prove it. One should only read the newspapers, or listen to what people say to be confronted with shocking, scandalous or burlesque stories.

Thus a citizen strangled his wife because she couldn't give him a son. Another one has left his wife after she had given birth to a fifth daughter. You all know at least one husband who remarries, because his wife couldn't give him the awaited heir.

The other day I heard that in a respectable hospital in Amman a wife accompanied by his father was waiting for his wife to go out of the delivery room, soon after a nurse came out and told him, "Your wife had a lovely baby girl, weighing 3,200 kilograms." The husband looked at his father and said, "Let us leave, we have nothing to do here." The excuse of the husband was that he had... his third daughter.

So what? Whose mistake is it? Tell me gentlemen you are as responsible in determining the sex of your children and as such I cannot understand, admit or even imagine that a woman still suffering from the pains of childbirth should also have to put up with the acrimony of a disappointed husband.

Do you think that I am exaggerating or high-lighting specific stories? Well, in this case, I am afraid that you are not really looking at what is happening around you.

Renowned dean of letters turns 85

By Kevin Noblet
Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES — Author Jorge Luis Borges, who turns 85 on Friday, says he never wanted to live so long but accepts old age "as a blessing in disguise."

"I feel sorry about it. No one should live that long," he said. "But what can you do about it?" "Blindness, old age, sickness — you have to think of them as gifts, as a blessing in disguise. You have to turn them into beauty."

Borges, considered by critics as Latin America's dean of letters and one of the Spanish language's finest writers ever, spent this week in an interview at his Buenos Aires apartment overlooking the city's elegant Plaza San Martin.

Blind since the age of 56, his advancing age has slowed him physically, but not mentally.

He clutches a cane to still a slight trembling in his hands and there are occasional pauses in his speech. But he switches with ease between languages — from Spanish to English, French to German — and recited long passages of memorised verse from Chaucer to Robert Frost.

He also continues to work — "so many things, poems, tales, jottings of different countries" — and continues to travel widely, personally accepting awards from governments and private organisations around the world. His works have been translated into more than 20 languages.

When discussing his birthday, he referred to his mother, who lived with him until her death in 1976 at age 99. "She prayed to God every night to take her away," he said. "She lived in fear of being 100."

While he contends he feels the same, he admits he continues to enjoy life.

"I'm happier now than when I was young," he said. "When I was young, I tried my best to be dramatically unhappy, to be Hamlet or Byron. Of course I wasn't."

"Now I take things as they are. I'm grateful for things."

Humility about his own accomplishments is a Borges trademark, as is his insistence that the Spanish language is inferior to English.

"I'm just a Spanish writer, and

just an Argentine writer at that," he said. "In this country, as in all of South America, nothing has been done. It's important to us, to South America, but not to the world."

He has published nearly three dozen volumes of short stories, essays and poetry but dismisses his awesome output with a shrug. "I've written too many books, and these are just fragments, rough drafts and jottings. They don't mean much."

He said he considers only two books of short stories, "The Book of Sand" and "Dr. Brodie's Report," and one volume of poetry, "The Cipher," as significant literary contributions. "The rest should be forgotten and forgiven," he said.

Two of his best received works, "Labyrinths" and "Ficciones," he rejects now as "baroque, over-written."

The only major award to elude Borges is the Nobel Prize for literature. He has been a candidate for the honour for two decades.

He repeats, as he has for years, that he considers himself "unworthy" of the prize but frankly admits to coveting it. "Grab it," he said.

He occasionally has hinted that he feels the Nobel committee has failed to select him because of his traditionally conservative political views, even though he is not involved in politics as are many Latin American writers.

He once praised the military regime that ruled Argentina for eight years until last December. He reversed his opinion when the military's abuse of human rights could no longer be denied, and these days he has become a champion of the new democratic government, calling it "a miracle."

"It worked out all right in this case," he said. "I never expected (President Raul) Alfonsín to win."

He worries, however, about the opposition Mr. Alfonsín now faces from the military and the Peronist Party, which lost in elections last October. "They are evil forces," Borges said.

"The Peronists and the military are not good losers. They want revenge, and they make things very difficult for Alfonsín," he said.

Comedy playwright next only to Shakespeare

By David Lewis

LONDON — Who was the only playwright to attract more people into British theatres last year than William Shakespeare?

Was it Tom Stoppard, witty author of "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead" and the award-winning "The Real Thing"?

Could it be Michael Frayn, whose back-stage comedy "Noises off" is still convulsing audiences both sides of the Atlantic? Or was it perhaps the critically fashionable Harold Pinter, creator of "No Man's Land" and of "Betrayal", now a film starring Jeremy Irons and Ben Kingsley, star of "Gandhi"?

In fact the only man to fill more seats than the bard was Alan Ayckbourn, 45, who receives relatively little press attention despite a prolific and mostly sure-fire output of 28 plays in 25 years.

London's intellectual theatre critics hardly know what to make of a man who writes exclusively on Britain's middle classes but whose plays still travel so well that at the last count they had been translated into 26 languages, including Cantonese.

Mr. Ayckbourn has often written plays of technical complexity.

"The Norman Conquests" (1974) was a trilogy depicting simultaneous events in the garden and two rooms of one house. "Bedroom Farce" (1977) presented the goings-on in three different bedrooms. Both were successful in London and New York.

But Mr. Ayckbourn's latest work to reach London from the theatre he directs in the northern English resort town of Scarborough far outdoes his previous inventions in its ingenuity.

"Intimate Exchanges" comes in 16 different versions, with one actor and one actress each playing five different parts, which required learning 14 hours of dialogue.

"The play is about choice," Mr. Ayckbourn told Reuters in an interview close to the tiny Ambassadors Theatre, where he will have directed all 16 versions by October. "And to that extent the form is not entirely arbitrary."

A woman is faced with the trivial question: Should she have her first cigarette of the day before six p.m.? On some nights her willpower is strong enough, on others it isn't.

The chain of events resulting from either choice leads to someone else making a more important decision... and so on.

By the final scene, five years later, the woman's marriage has broken up. Or it hasn't. People have died, married and had affairs, children and nervous breakdowns. Or they haven't.

Mr. Ayckbourn says he is very aware of how the tiniest events can dictate the whole direction of a person's life.

"If you get 16 chances to finish a play, you can sometimes account for twists of fate," he says. "And you can highlight different characters, bringing them out of the shadows."

Though Mr. Ayckbourn calls all his plays comedies, many are full of anguish. People commit adultery, hurt their partners, have nervous breakdowns and attempt to commit suicide.

The comedy he aims at is not that of ha-ha farce or of Stoppardian verbal dexterity — "I don't really like plays where everybody is terribly witty" — but of "laughter with an 'ouch' of recognition."

He admits that he might win more critical acclaim if he wrote a play with fewer laughs, but he has little sympathy for the kind of plays written by Nobel Prize-winner Samuel Beckett.

"I find the three-men-trapped-in-a-glass-bottle plays — three men named A, B and Z — rather boring," he says.

"The archetypal question I am asked is, 'Are you hoping to write a serious play some time?' — As if this is what you naturally progress to from comedy."

'Gandhi' director joins 'Chorus Line'

By Dan Cox
Reuters

NEW YORK — The winner of an Academy Award for his film on the life of Mahatma Gandhi, Britain's Sir Richard Attenborough is turning his attention to the struggles of 16 dancers who hope to make it on Broadway.

The aspirations of these 16, to be told in the cinematic version of Broadway's longest running musical "Chorus Line", are very different from those of the man who devoted his life to non-violent protest for the independence of India.

But Sir Richard told a news conference here earlier this week: "I feel very privileged that Embassy Pictures and Polygram Pictures permitted this bloody limey to tap with a piece of American theatrical folklore."

It is his first musical and his first film since "Gandhi", which won him an Oscar for best director in 1983.

While he says he may not know much about musicals, Sir Richard does know what he likes. "I've seen the show about 20 times and get a thrill every time."

The movie version of "Chorus Line" apparently poses a challenge. Michael Bennett, the musical's creator, turned down a chance to direct because he did not think the intimate theatrical quality of the stage show could be transferred to the screen.

"Bennett had a stroke of genius, but I'm confident of trying to move the theatrical concept onto film," Sir Richard said. "It will be a marvellous but daunting experience."

The director will have the assistance of Jeffrey Hornady, choreographer of the popular American film "Flashdance".

After its 1975 Broadway opening, "Chorus Line" won nine Tony awards and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. It has had over 3,500 New York performances and toured the United States and abroad.

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Krickstein enters U.S. Open 2nd round; Durie goes down

NEW YORK (Agencies) — Eighth-seeded Aaron Krickstein escaped Tuesday with a first-round victory over Bruce Manson at the U.S. Open tennis championships when Manson retired in the fifth set due to leg cramps.

The first seeded player to be upset was no. 10 Jo Durie of Britain, a 2-6, 7-5, 6-4 loser to Anne Minter of Australia.

Seeded players winning first-round matches at the National Tennis Centre were no. 7 Johan

Kriek, 7-5, 6-2, 6-0 over Glenn Layendecker, and Henrik Sundstrom of Sweden, 7-5, 2-6, 6-0, 6-3 over Wojtek Fibak of Poland. Manson, a left-hander ranked 115th on the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) computer, appeared en route to a major upset, using slices and drop shots to offset Krickstein's power and win the first two sets 6-3, 6-2.

But with the court-side temperature in the 80s (26C) and the humidity at 65 per cent, the heat cramps in Manson's legs began taking their toll. Krickstein, 16

years old, ranked 13th by the ATP, won a tie-breaker 7-6 in the third set, took the fourth 6-2 and was up 4-0 in the fifth when, at 15-15, Manson retired.

In other first-day play, Bill Scanlon blitzed Blaine Willenborg 6-3, 6-1, 6-3, Ann Henricksson defeated Sophie Amiaich of France 6-3, 7-5 and Brad Gilbert was a 6-4, 6-0, 6-2 winner over David Pate; Katerina Skronska of Czechoslovakia defeated Sue Barker of Britain 6-2, 6-4.

Durie, a rangy serve-and-volley power hitter, lost to eventual runner-up Chris Evert-Lloyd in last year's semifinals. But on Tuesday Durie squandered three match points in the final set at 5-4 and 0-40 on Minter's service as she lost nine straight points to the Australian.

Evert-Lloyd, seeking her 16th grand slam singles title and her seventh U.S. Open crown, needed only 41 minutes Tuesday night to crush Sharon Walsh and move into the second round at the National Tennis centre.

Lloyd, who is seeded second this year behind defending champion Martina Navratilova in America's premier tennis event, completely dominated the baseline game to post a 6-0, 6-0 victory.

Krickstein was the sensation of last year's open on the fast courts at Flushing Meadow, coming back from two sets down to upset Vitas Gerulaitis in five sets in the third round before falling to Yannick Noah of France.

Since then, Krickstein has vaulted to 13th in the world rankings, losing to Andres Gomez of Ecuador in the final of the Italian Open.

Other women who won their opening matches included third-seeded Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia, Sylvia Hanika of West Germany, Mimma Jausovec of Yugoslavia, Pascale Paradis of France and Katerina Skronska of Czechoslovakia.

Fourth Royal Mechanised Division wins basketball cup

AMMAN (Petra) — The Fourth Royal Mechanised Division has won the Armed Forces Basketball Tournament Championship by beating the 12th Royal Mechanised Division team in the final match held at the Sports Palace of Al Hussein Youth City.

The match was watched by commanders of the units participating in the tournament and senior officers and troops.

After the match, the commander of the Fifth Royal Armoured Division who stood in for the army chief of staff, presented the cup to the winners and distributed medals to the members of the two teams.

No pattern emerges yet in English soccer

LONDON (AP) — With the opening two series of the new English soccer season completed, no pattern has yet emerged and only two first division sides, Aston Villa and Newcastle United, have taken maximum points.

Villa, the 1981 league champion and European Champions Cup titlist the following year, has scored victories over midland neighbours Coventry and Stoke while Newcastle, promoted from division two, has beaten Leicester City and fellow promotion winners Sheffield Wednesday.

Both Villa and Newcastle are steeped in history and tradition but despite their early successes, it's far too early to predict their fortune over the whole season.

Villa has the youngest first division manager in 34-year-old Graham Turner, who built up a fine reputation at Shrewsbury Town, a small-time club with a shoe-string budget situated in rural Shropshire on the Wales-England border.

Turner built Shrewsbury into an attractive second division side but has never had to deal with the additional pressures of the first division until this season when he took over from Tony Barton.

Newcastle also has a new boss in the experienced and wily Jack Charlton but has yet to prove in the long run whether it can overcome the retirement of former England captain Kevin Keegan, principally responsible for guiding the big north-east club out of division two.

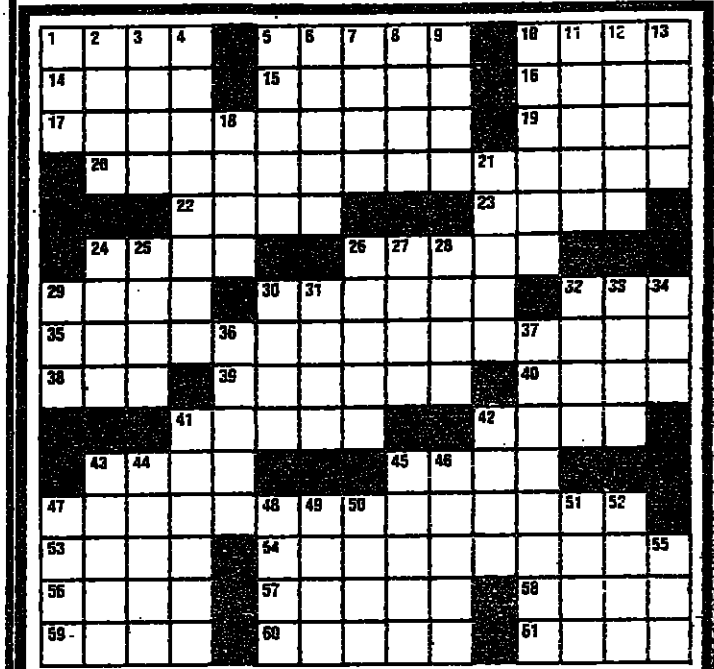
Whatever happens on Saturday, at least one of the two teams must relinquish its 100 per cent record as they clash at Newcastle.

After last weekend's nervous 3-3 draw at Norwich, league champion Liverpool returned to title-winning form in its second outing, and its first at home, against West Ham on Monday.

England striker Paul Walsh, Liverpool's expensive pre-season signing from Luton, got on the scoresheet after just 14 seconds.

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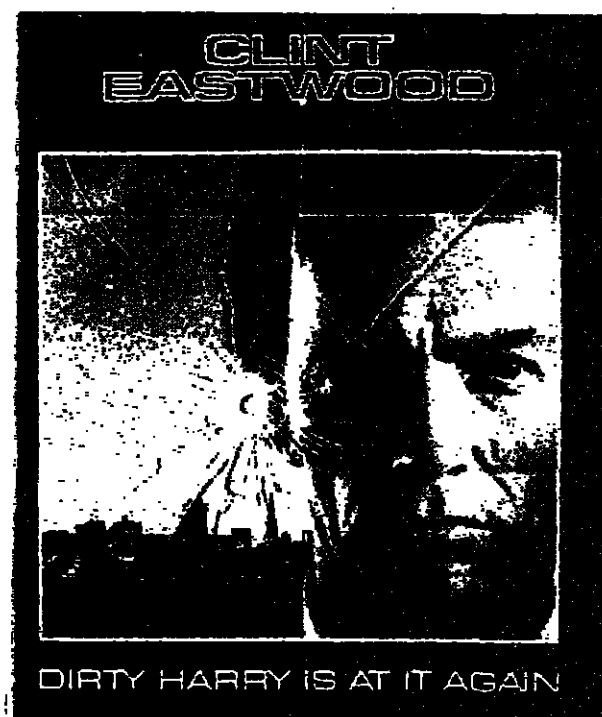
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Soviet robots prove unpopular

MOSCOW (R) — Many Soviet robots are stacked in warehouses with little prospect of being used because of widespread resistance to new technology, the Communist Party daily Pravda said Wednesday.

Reports of serious problems, and low reliability where the new equipment was operating, were putting off factory managers and holding up the modernisation of Soviet industry, the newspaper said.

More than 25,000 robots had been produced in the past three years, but output far exceeded demand because managers often refused orders to robotise production lines and installed conventional equipment instead.

The article indicated high-level concern about the slow acceptance of new high-speed production technologies.

The Soviet leadership is relying heavily on the rapid spread of robots and other automated equipment to modernise industries and relieve a growing labour shortage.

Pravda said the problems with robotisation stemmed from muddled thinking about the best way to use them and a lack of quality control by robot producers.

In most cases managers introduced one or two robots on to an assembly line and were then disappointed when productivity failed to register any significant growth.

Pravda said the approach was wrong. Factories had to automate entire production units to get worthwhile results.

The reliability problem was more serious, especially as factories were often brought to a halt because of one small component in a robot breaking down. Another difficulty was a shortage of trained maintenance men.

There have been reports of resistance to the new technology from workers as well as managers. One account said robots had to be enclosed by wire mesh in some factories to protect them from sabotage.

Economist suggests workers be paid from profits

Meanwhile, a leading economist pressing for radical reform of Soviet industrial management said Wednesday that productivity could be increased by paying workers out of profits rather than for the amount of work done.

Mr. Abel Aganbegyan, of the Novosibirsk Economic Institute, writing in the trades union daily Trud (Labour), said the institute had supervised a number of innovative experiments in increasing incentives in selected enterprises. Giving the example of a gold

mine, he said an experiment in paying workers out of the profits had raised productivity four times and halved material costs.

Mr. Aganbegyan, regarded by Western analysts as head of the Soviet Union's most free-thinking group of economists, said in an article Tuesday that the Soviet economy faced stagnation unless a drastic increase in productivity was achieved.

He cited as prime problems a declining birth rate and the difficulties in extracting Siberia's raw material resources.

Mr. Aganbegyan said an experiment in increasing managers' autonomy and workers' incentives, which the politburo has decided to expand from 1985, could be expanded and improved.

Using the gold mine example, he said that instead of paying machine operators for the amount of earth shifted or ore washed and engineers for the amount of hours worked, a profit-sharing system had been implemented.

Under this, the value of production was estimated and the cost of material set against it. The remaining money was used to pay the workers. As a result, the mine could produce the same amount of gold with 284 people as it had done with 1,200.

Mr. Aganbegyan, whose institute was the source of a secret document leaked to the Western press last year calling for an overhaul of Soviet industrial practice, said that a similar system could be applied to every economic sector.

A Novosibirsk collective farm had shown a 150 per cent productivity rise and 20-30 per cent cut in costs when workers were paid a bonus of 50 per cent of saved expenditure on each hundredweight of production.

Throughout the article Mr. Aganbegyan referred to "funds" or "saved expenditure" rather than "profit", a word Russians are used to seeing only in condemnations of Western capitalism.

Mr. Aganbegyan said the basic link between production and payment had to be made universal to be effective.

Western analysts said Mr. Aganbegyan appeared to be trying to foster more open discussion of economic reform but was still keeping carefully to communist terminology.

He referred repeatedly to the "collectivist" nature of his proposals, a key word in orthodox communist ideology, saying that by linking payment to output workers would meet supply deadlines and see their common interests in coordination and efficient planning.

Mexican deal could set pattern for Third World debtor nations

NEW YORK (R) — A long-term rescheduling deal which Mexico is expected to finalise shortly with its creditor banks could set a new pattern for major international debtors, according to banking sources here.

They said the unprecedented deal, still to be approved by some 500 banks worldwide, covers more than half of Mexico's \$87 billion debt.

If it goes through, bankers said Mexico would be reaping the reward of two years of belt-tightening which has put severe economic and political strains on the country.

They made it clear they were also sending a message to other indebted nations that austerity under the umbrella of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) does pay in the end.

"The deal sets an example to other countries that banks will act responsibly if the countries do,"

said one banker.

Its terms have not been officially revealed but the sources said it surpassed by far any previous accord with a debtor nation, both in the amount rescheduled and the period covered.

Mexico is reported to have obtained lower interest rates than before and an agreement to dispense with a formal IMF austerity programme, hitherto regarded as the keystone of big international rescue packages.

The debt pact was forged in six weeks of intensive meetings between Mexican officials led by Mr. Angel Gurría, the director of public credit, and a 13-bank advisory committee.

Committee spokesman Mr. William Rhodes of Citibank has refused to give details of the deal until it is wrapped up. But banking sources say it covers about \$44 billion of public-sector debt falling due between 1985 and 1990.

Despite doubts about the country's political future after President Miguel De Madrid's term expires, banks have set 1998 as the final maturity on the rescheduled debt.

This gives Mexico 14 years to pay, just one year less than it sought.

The previous longest multi-year rescheduling was a 1984-1987 agreement with Poland earlier this year.

Bankers said Mexico will begin repayments as early as 1985, starting with a \$1 billion prepayment.

U.S. prime rate eliminated

On interest payments, the deal eliminates dependence on the U.S. prime rate, whose recent rise has brought bitter complaints from debtors.

Banks have devised a three-tier interest-rate structure averaging 1-1/8 points over the benchmark

London Inter Bank Offered Rate (LIBOR), slightly lower than on previous loans.

Instead of seeking new bank loans, Mexico plans to plug its financing gap by returning to normal credit-market borrowing via trade financing or bond issues.

As there is no new-money requirement, Mexico has been able to insist that it will not renew its IMF programme when it runs out at the end of next year.

Instead it will set its own economic goals which will be tracked by IMF officials. The results of this "enhanced monitoring" will then be relayed to the banks.

"There's no doubt this is a new phase. Up till now we've been applying band-aids (bandages). But this is a very possible long-term solution to the problems of the banking system," one member of the advisory committee said in describing the pact.

Despite the mood of optimism, some bankers said the deal emerged from the realisation that Mexico's problems are still so severe that it needs long-term relief to concentrate on sustaining economic progress without new debt talks every year.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Shares closed higher on growing confidence drawn from the mixed support for the U.K. ports strike. News dockers from Tees Port, one of Britain's largest cargo ports, decided to return to work, further helped sentiment, dealers said.

At 1530 hours the F.T.-S.E. 100 index was up 12.2 at 1094.5.

Gains among the leaders extended to double figures including BTR 17p up at 499, Blue Circle 10p higher at 393 and Glaxo 12p firmer at 952 while ICI put on 6p to 612 after 614.

Government bonds were steady around overnight levels as many operators paid little heed to the July U.S. leading indicators which were within expectations. North Americans were firm.

Dealers noted profit-taking towards the close. British Aerospace was up 15p at 335, having risen to 338 on speculation of a bid next month from GEC which was up 6p at 212. Babcock firm 6p to 143 following interim results while Bestobell ended 18p higher at 282 having peaked at 284 on speculative demand.

Among firm banks Barclays added 8p to 462 while insurances showed refuge up 5p at 503 after half year figures, with Hambro also 5p higher at 436. Golds closed firmer after a mixed start.

Oils were steady with Shell up 4p at 645 while B.P. returned to 485 after 483. Rothmans at 157 and Imps at 161 added 10p and 8p respectively on bid speculation, dealers said.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One sterling	1.3095/105	U.S. dollars
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	2.8810/20	West German marks
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	2.3955/65	Swiss francs
	58.09/12	Belgian francs
	8.8400/50	French francs
	1784.00/1785.00	Italian lire
	241.05/15	Japanese yen
	8.3025/75	Swedish crowns
	8.2775/825	Norwegian crowns
	10.4650/700	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	349.25/75	U.S. dollars

Shipping firm seeks emergency cash aid

TAIPEI (R) — The owner of the Eddie steamship company, which operates the world's largest fleet of bulk carriers, appealed Wednesday for emergency cash aid from the Taiwan government.

Mr. Hsu Wen-Hua, board chairman of Eddie which operates more than 100 vessels, told a press conference the company's working capital had dried up and it needed government loans to cover its debts.

He said more than 30 of his ships had been forced to dock in ports because the company had no money for fuel. Six had been impounded in Taiwanese and foreign ports because of debts to banks

and foreign firms.

An emergency loan of \$12 million by 15 U.S. and European banks fell through last month after the government declined to guarantee the loan, he said.

A company official earlier blamed its financial troubles on the sluggish world freight market in the past few years. Mr. Hsu said containerisation also affected business of the company's fleet of mainly bulk carriers.

Some of the company's crew went on strike Tuesday, demanding a full payment of wages before they would sail or load goods.

Malaysia to cooperate with OPEC on oil prices

KUALA LUMPUR (Agencies) — Malaysia will work with the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to stabilise world oil prices, the president of the national oil company Petronas said Wednesday.

Mr. Tan Sri Abdullah Salleh told reporters details would be worked out later, but would not mean cutbacks in Malaysian crude oil production, now 440,000 barrels per day.

He was speaking after a luncheon with Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani, in Malaysia on OPEC's behalf to discuss oil market stability.

Mr. Abdullah said although Malaysia was only a small oil producer with minor influence on the world market, it was interested in long-term benefits from cooperation with OPEC.

"Cooperation between Malaysia and OPEC will be on an ad-hoc basis, in bilateral terms and not institutionalised," Mr. Abdullah said.

Malaysia sells most of its crude for an average \$29 a barrel on long-term contracts to foreign consumers, he said.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Yamani said that the danger of a further drop in oil prices is over.

According to Bernama, the Malaysian national news agency, Sheikh Yamani, expects the oil market to firm up between September and early October.

He said OPEC's benchmark price of \$29 a barrel would remain.

He said OPEC might consider raising its present production level of 17.5 million b/d during the last quarter of the year.

THE BETTER HALF. By Harris

"The network president has been overcome by guilt and embarrassment. Please stand by!"

JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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BICCU

ROCCEE

SIMYAD

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

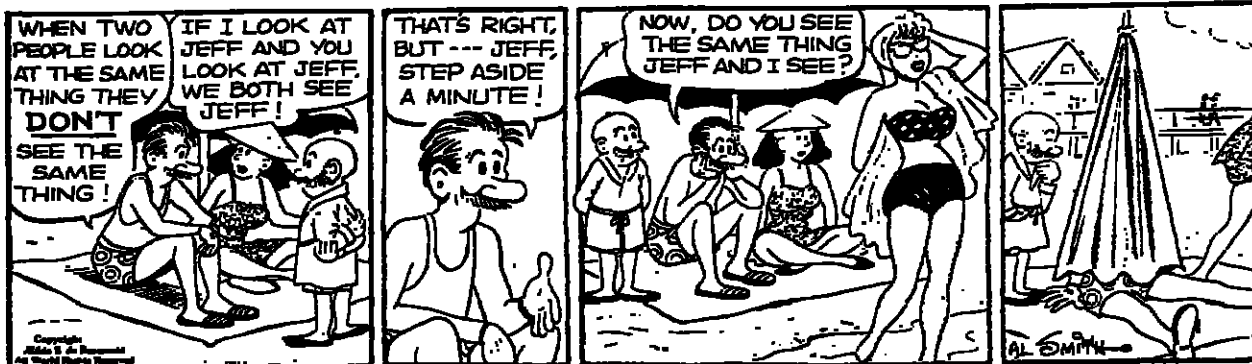
Yesterday's Jumbles: JETTY RAINY ADOIT CLEAVE

Answer: What the ballerina insisted that her partner do—"TOE" THE LINE.

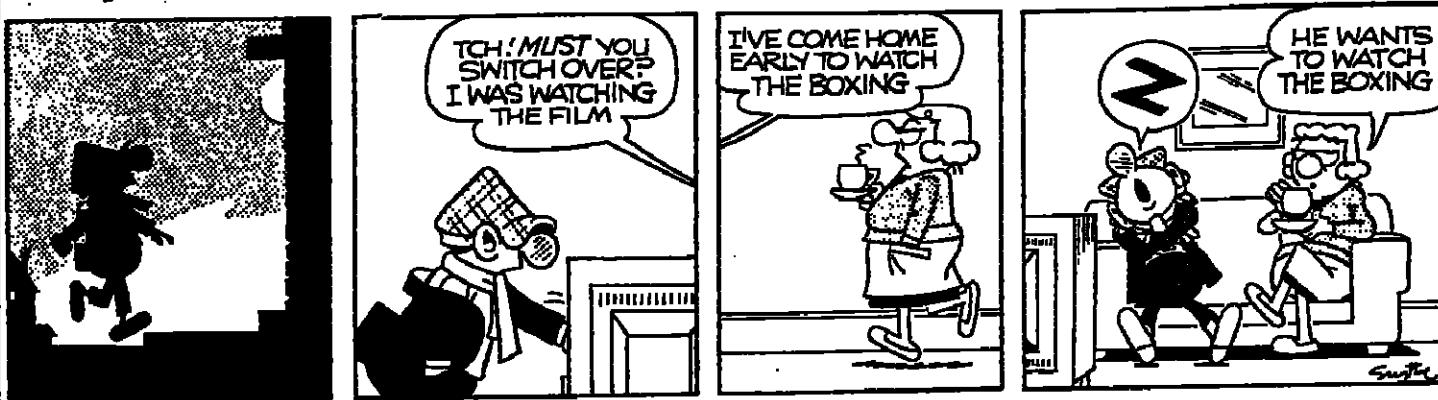
Peanuts



Mutt 'n' Jeff



Andy Capp



U.S.- Singapore futures trading link approved

WASHINGTON (R) — A joint venture between the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) and the new Singapore Monetary Exchange was approved in Washington Tuesday clearing the way for the first global, round-the-clock futures trading system.

The link was unanimously approved by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), the agency which regulates U.S. exchanges, after a seven month review.

The joint venture, which is scheduled to begin operations on Sept. 7, would for the first time allow members of a U.S. exchange to buy and sell futures contracts interchangeably in the United States and on a foreign exchange.

CME's link with the Singapore Monetary Exchange involves a so-called offset trading system, a computerised trade clearing system which would initially permit the transfer of positions on futures contracts for Eurodollars, Japanese yen and West German marks.

Because Singapore is 14 hours ahead of Chicago, the linkup will provide traders with a 24-hour trading forum — the first of its kind — that will help eliminate overnight risks in futures trading.

Futures are exchange-traded contracts to buy or sell a commodity at a set price at a later time. The commission said the proposal would also reduce transaction costs and enable traders to better respond to market moving news.

But the commission expressed reservations about provisions it said could restrict competition between U.S. exchanges. It said it would reserve final judgment on the trading agreement until after the system had been in operation for some time.

The provisions restrict both the CME and the Singapore exchange independently from entering into trading links with other exchanges for several years and limit the ability of other exchanges to enter into such agreements independently of the two parties.

YOUR DAILY Horoscope from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, AUG., 30, 1984

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Until noon you are able to get in touch with persons you want to be allied with in the future. Then later, you can investigate the best means for carrying through with plans you have made.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Reach a better understanding with whatever partners are around and later you can do the work that is your part of the bargain.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Get into work that requires exactness and neatness and gain the backing of outsiders you want to impress.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Early contact those persons with whom you want to set up fine entertainments; then get busy at the actual work required.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) You have every opportunity to please those who dwell with you in the morning, and then treat them to a nice dinner.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) You can handle outdoor communications very well today and then have a wonderful time at your home tonight.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Decorate your home so that it will look more charming and be more valuable, and then go after that date you need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You are dynamic today and can impress the right persons favorably before you get into the practical.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Get that plan formulated early and then start putting it in operation, making little changes as the day wears on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Be with a friend who is cooperative and can help you get what you want; then do the work necessary.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Gain the assistance of a bigwig for some special talent you possess so that you can commercialize on it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) A new and enthusiastic approach at your duties can bring you fine benefits at this time.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) A nice gift for the one you love is wise and then you can gain fine results. Start on a new venture together.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will have a fine life, beginning with affectionate parents, a nice home to live in and plenty of good friends, and will thereby learn of the needs and desires of others early, and will later make a fine living in an investigative profession.

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, AUG., 31, 1984

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day and evening which are good for considering all aspects of what you would like to do and then to delve into the actual requirements of such a course of action.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Forget frivolity and concentrate on whatever course can bring you a far greater abundance in the days ahead.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Don't back partners so easily until you are sure of what they will do for you. Study any contracts most carefully before you sign.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You have much to do connected with some big project, so get at it seriously and make real progress.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Plan entertainments that bring you the greatest pleasure. You may have to talk to friends to find out what they desire.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Get into fundamental affairs at home, such as making sure your foundation is solid, and plumbing is right. Feel safer.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Good day to study your newspaper and other brochures so that you gain the added knowledge you seek.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Study your property and make it just as you want it to be and feel more comfortable in it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You love to investigate and can come up with right answers, and you have just such an opportunity today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Don't confide that new plan you have for advancement to others today or it could be stolen from you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You cannot gain that important wish until you are cognizant of the obstacles in the path of your progress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Important that you are exact in your work today since bigwigs have their eye on you. Nor a good day for any civic work.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Look into new interests and make sure you understand every phase of them before you invest in anything.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will be full of magnetism and charm and others will come to him or her for aid and comfort and your progeny will gladly help them to solve their problems, so slant the education along lines of trouble-shooting for best success in life.

"The Stars impel; they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

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Dock strike paralyses 7 major British ports

LONDON (Agencies) — Seven of Britain's 10 biggest ports, including Southampton, home of the luxury liner Queen Elizabeth II, and London, were idle Wednesday as the nation's second dock strike in two months entered its fifth day, the National Association of Port Employers reported.

The association estimated that ports handling nearly half — 45 per cent — of Britain's annual 110.5 million tons of foreign trade, excluding fuel, were idle. Conservative government hopes that London's Tilbury Docks, the nation's fourth-biggest, would reopen amid divisions among its 2,000 longshoremen were dashed when only about 20 dockworkers drove past a 12-man picket line into the facility.

At Bristol, in southwest England, the 19th-ranking port was also strike-bound. Management at the port, which lost £11 million (\$14.4 million) last year, had hoped the majority of the 600 workforce would turn up after a mass meeting Tuesday ended in confusion.

Shop stewards at Felixstowe,

Britain's biggest container port, were meeting to decide whether to tell their members to join the stoppage, an outgrowth of the 24-week-old British coal strike. Meetings for the same purpose were being held at Fleetwood, Newport and Plymouth.

Longshoremen at many other smaller ports have refused to join what they and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's cabinet say is a left-led political strike to back the miners and bring down the Conservative government.

Transport Secretary Nicholas Ridley said in a television interview that the government would not intervene in the strike, which followed a bid by the left-led Transport Union — which represents dockers — to slash coal deliveries to steel plants.

"There is no way the gov-

ernment could intervene without a dispute which is clear," said Mr. Ridley.

Nicholas Finney, director of the National Association of Port Employers, said, "We are beginning to see a picture emerging of considerable reluctance on the part of many dockers to support the transport and general workers' union's national strike call."

But union leaders pointed to the effectiveness of strike pickets at the joint port of Immingham-Grimsby on the east coast of England who on Tuesday persuaded the 400 dockers there to join the stoppage, reversing their majority-vote decision Sunday to stay on the job.

Picketing at docks was peaceful, but renewed trouble erupted on miners' picket lines. Police said 87 pickets who surrounded a working miner's home in the Scottish village of Cumnel, Ayrshire, early Wednesday were arrested.

Twenty-five pickets were arrested in clashes between strikers and police outside a North England pit. St. Helen's where six miners returned to work, police said.

20% turnout reported as S. Africa's Asians vote

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Amid running street battles between boycotters and riot police, 20 per cent of registered Asian voters cast ballots Tuesday for members of a separate Asian house of parliament, according to results Wednesday.

Boycott organisers claimed the low turnout by the Asian minority for its 40-member house was "an enormous victory for those struggling for a democratic and non-racial South Africa."

Final official returns showed 83,186 voters went to the polls, a turnout of 20.2 per cent of the 411,711 registered voters. The National People's Party won 18 seats, The Solidarity Party 17, the Progressive Independent Party one and independents took four seats.

A total of 52 demonstrators were arrested on voting day in disturbances around the country on charges including intimidation and assault, said police Lt. Henry Beck at headquarters in Pretoria.

In the only flareup Wednesday, police used tear gas to disperse about 700 boycotting students at a high school in Katlehong, a black township east of Johannesburg. Police spokesman Maj. Chris Liebenburg said there.

Tuesday's election was marred

by violence. Scores of boycotters and several bystanders were wounded when police with short rubber whips charged into groups of chanting demonstrators supporting the boycott.

Pravda attacks Botha

Meanwhile, The Soviet Communist Party daily Pravda on Wednesday attacked South African Premier Pieter Botha, saying the new constitution providing representation for some non-whites amounted to "sham reforms."

The Pravda attack was one of several in recent days in the Soviet media, which have criticised the elections held Tuesday in South Africa.

Pravda accused Mr. Botha of planning "a new diplomatic show aimed at breaking through South Africa's isolation in Africa" and contemplating a tour of several African countries.

"Botha's 'adapt or die' slogan has inspired hopes among certain quarters that this will be an adaptation to norms of the civilised society of the 20th century, at least a beginning of the process of eliminating the barbaric system of modern slavery," Pravda said in a reference to South Africa's racial code separating blacks and whites.

Liberian opposition leader surrenders

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — The acting chief of a new opposition party has surrendered and became the seventh prominent Liberian arrested in connection with an alleged plot to overthrow head of state Samuel K. Doe.

Dusty Wolokolle, acting chairman of the Liberian People's Party, was accompanied to the justice ministry by two church leaders, said Anglican Archbishop George Browne. The church has protested reported disappearances and the sudden wave of arrests since Aug. 19, when Mr. Doe returned home early from a European trip amid rumours of a coup plot.

The political crisis has created considerable tension in this west African nation of 1.9 million people, as well as concern among major aid donors and trading partners.

A group of Western ambassadors met Liberia's acting foreign minister, Christopher Minikoff, to ask about an Aug. 22 clash between troops and students at the University of Monrovia, said diplomatic sources.

COLUMNS 7&8

Whitelaw misses grouse, hits 2 men

LONDON (R) — Lord Whitelaw, a top British government minister, accidentally shot and wounded two men while grouse shooting in northern England at the weekend, his spokesman said Wednesday. Lord Whitelaw, one-time home secretary and now leader of the House of Lords — the Upper House of Parliament, slipped and his gun went off prematurely, a spokesman said. Shot pellets hit prominent industrialist Sir Joseph Nickerson, 70, and the party's gun loader, Lindsay Waddell, who spent two days in hospital with leg wounds. "Lord Whitelaw is naturally deeply upset, but only relieved that no lasting damage was done either to Sir Joseph or to Mr. Waddell," the spokesman added.

Thai pimps, brothel owners face trial

BANGKOK (R) — Brothel operators and pimps in Thailand face prosecution for the first time in a move to crack down on prostitution, a government spokesman said. He said they could be jailed for up to 20 years and fined up to \$1,700 under a government-proposed amendment before parliament. Brothel owners face penalties under existing law but their employees do not.

Gallstones are sedatives, Chinese say

PEKING (R) — Chinese doctors hope human gallstones can be used as an inexpensive sedative and anti-fever drug, the China Daily said Wednesday. Gallstones have long been used in China to treat coma, delirium, convulsions, fever and inflammations, but they are scarce and very expensive, it said. Meanwhile human gallstones, which show the same virtues when tested on rats, are just thrown away after operations, researchers in the southern city of Wuxi told the paper. The scientists said they hit on the idea after reading a sixteenth century treatise which described how human bile, which forms gallstones, had valuable medicinal properties. But they said more studies must be made before the human gallstone is sanctioned for medicinal use.

'Rat woman' leaves behind \$350,000

SALCOMBE, England (A) — An 82-year-old who lived as a hermit in such squalor that children called her "the rat woman" left a small fortune when she died, the Daily Telegraph reported. Gwendoline Hughes died in March from tetanus, evidently after being bitten by one of the rats that infested her home in the county of Devon in Southwest England. Bryan Hickling, a handyman who cleaned the house after her death, said he found cobwebs hanging "like suspended ceilings" and had to use a shovel to remove dirt from the floors. Miss Hughes left an estate of £267,847 pounds (\$350,879), but never signed any of the six wills she started, the newspaper said. Twenty-five relatives in Britain and the United States are left to wrangle over the estate, it reported. A neighbour, Bob Martins, said children called her "the rat woman" and sometimes threw stones at her house.

Philippines airliner collapses on runway

MANILA (R) — All 113 passengers and four crew on a Philippine Airlines plane escaped unhurt Wednesday when it collapsed on a Manila airport runway shortly after landing, an airline spokesman said. The British-made BAC one-eleven had flown from the central island of Cebu and was taxiing towards the terminal when its front landing gear buckled, the spokesman said.

Discovery launch postponed again

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (R) — The first flight of the space shuttle Discovery has been postponed again, this time because of a slim possibility it might have had to ditch in the ocean before it reached orbit because of a computer fault.

Discovery, whose first flight was put off twice in June because of problems, had been due to make a third attempt to blast off Wednesday.

The new head of the shuttle programme, Jesse Moore, told a news conference Tuesday night that the launch had been put off for 24 hours because of a problem with a computer which commands the shuttle to separate in flight from its external tank and booster rockets.

If those separations did not take place "it would be an abort, a ditch-type affair," Mr. Moore said, adding that there was little chance the shuttle's sophisticated back-up systems would allow this to happen.

He said space agency experts had found and resolved the fault in the computer programme but "we thought it would be prudent to study the problem for 24 hours."

Arnold Aldrich, manager of the shuttle projects office at the Kennedy Space Centre, said the problem involved commands which the orbiter's main computers give to a "black box" controlling the explosives used to jettison the boosters and external tank.

He said there was a remote pos-

sibility that the computer could have tried to give too many commands to the box, called a master events controller, in too short a time.

If that happened, he said there was a slim possibility that the right command might not be relayed at the right time.

Mr. Aldrich said there was a double reason for the computer timing problem to emerge now — Discovery had both new computer software and a new master events controller.

Discovery and its six-member crew have at least the rest of the week to begin their six-day mission, during which they hope to launch three communications satellites, the biggest shuttle cargo to date.

China denies military bases in Pakistan

PEKING (Agencies) — China Wednesday dismissed as untrue an Indian newspaper report that Chinese troops had set up camps in several isolated mountainous parts of northern Pakistan. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said the report in the Tribune newspaper, the English-language daily of India's Punjab state, was "pure fabrication with ulterior motives". He did not say what the motives might be. Pakistan has also rejected the report as unfounded.

The Tribune, reported that three companies of Chinese troops had entered the mountainous region with the consent of Pakistan.

China also condemned reported recent attacks by Afghanistan government forces against Pakistan border villages. "The Chinese government strongly condemns the Afghan authorities for their criminal act of air raids and shelling on Pakistan border villages," Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Zhenyu told a weekly news briefing Wednesday.

China and Pakistan are allies, although both deny that Peking is helping the Pakistanis to develop a nuclear bomb.

The Soviet military presence in Afghanistan is one of three major obstacles to improved Chinese relations with Moscow, Peking says.

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'Hitler diaries' were made for Bormann, forger says

HAMBURG, West Germany (R) — A West German dealer in Nazi souvenirs who has confessed to forging Adolf Hitler's diaries said Wednesday he was told the papers were destined for the Nazi dictator's private secretary, Martin Bormann.

The dealer, Konrad Kujau, 46, and journalist Gerd Heidemann, 52, who is alleged to have sold the 60 diaries to Stern magazine for over nine million marks (\$3.1 million), are both on trial for fraud.

Mr. Kujau testified in court that in January 1982 Mr. Heidemann told him Mr. Bormann was seriously ill in South America and that he had to hurry up with the forgeries.

Mr. Kujau added that he was told to give a favourable impression of Mr. Bormann in the diaries.

There have been several reports of Mr. Bormann living in South

America but he has been declared dead by a West German court.

Mr. Kujau testified that in 1982 Mr. Heidemann produced a pistol with which he said Hitler had shot himself in his underground Berlin bunker in the closing days of World War II.

He said that to try to support the weapon's authenticity Mr. Heidemann asked him to forge an accompanying note for Mr. Bormann to Admiral Karl Doenitz, who briefly succeeded Hitler.

Mr. Kujau said he was told to write the words: "Everything is hopeless. The fuhrer has shot himself with this pistol. Heil Hitler."

Earlier Mr. Kujau said he signed a contract with Mr. Heidemann under which he would be paid two million marks (\$700,000), less a 10-per-cent commission for Mr. Heidemann, to produce 27 diaries.

Ankara detains hunter of Noah's Ark, confiscates bagful of soil, rock samples

ANKARA (Agencies) — Explorer Marvin Steffins, who said last week he may have found Noah's Ark, was detained Wednesday by customs men at Istanbul airport and a bag of remains was seized, government officials in Ankara said.

Mr. Steffins, one of several explorers who have been searching Mount Ararat in eastern Turkey for the site of the Biblical vessel, missed his flight to Amsterdam but was released after a short

while. The samples were taken away by Turkish museum officials, airport sources said.

Turkey's semi-official Anatolian news agency said Mr. Steffins had 3.9 kilograms of soil and rocks in bags and told customs men he planned to take them to the U.S. for analysis.

His detention was the latest bizarre twist in the search which Christian fundamentalists hope will verify the Ark story in the Old Testament book of Genesis. This

says Noah was ordered by God to build the Ark to save animals and mankind from the Great Flood.

Former U.S. astronaut James Irwin said Tuesday he doubts that the samples are sufficient proof that the Biblical craft has been found by an American team.

Irwin, who returned Monday from his fourth climb up the mountain in search of the Ark, added that he saw "only rocks" at the site where the team claims the craft lies.

Mondale courts politicians as Ferraro blasts Reagan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale on Tuesday received the endorsement of independent John Anderson, whom Democrats blame for taking votes away from President Jimmy Carter in his 1980 loss to Ronald Reagan.

A vote to re-elect Mr. Reagan would be "a vote for continuation of the present policy of fear and loathing," Mr. Anderson told a crowd in Urbana, Illinois, after meeting with Mr. Mondale. Mr. Reagan took a day off from campaigning on Tuesday.

After receiving Mr. Anderson's backing, Mondale turned to problems he has had in keeping the support of black leaders.

Mr. Anderson, whose ind-

pendent presidential candidacy four years ago appealed primarily to younger voters, urged "those who walked with me in 1980... to walk with me now in support of the Mondale-Ferraro ticket."

In his 1980 campaign Mr. Anderson, a former Republican congressman, drew strong support on college campuses, and he chose to deliver his endorsement to a rally of 10,000 people at the University of Illinois.

In North Oaks, Minnesota, civil rights leader Jesse Jackson on Tuesday announced his "deep and intense" support for Mr. Mondale's campaign while reserving the right to disagree publicly with the Democratic Party candidate.

At a joint news conference, Mr. Mondale and the Rev. Jackson,

after meeting for more than two hours at the Democratic nominee's home, announced that they would make several joint campaign appearances.

"My support will be broad based. My involvement will be deep and intense," said Mr. Jackson, who earlier this year sought the party's nomination. Mr. Jackson has frequently publicly chided Mr. Mondale for not moving quickly enough to involve blacks, hispanics and women in his campaign.

Mr. Jackson added that "we have a right to be unified without being uniform."

Democratic vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro, meanwhile, questioned whether Mr. Reagan would "heighten the

risk of war" in a second term "unrestrained by the need for re-election."

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U.S. official says Soviets thought KAL was spying

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — A senior U.S. official said Wednesday, he believed Soviet pilots thought they were shooting down a U.S. spy plane a year ago when they downed a South Korean airliner killing 269 people, but he maintained that was no defence.

He and other U.S. officials, speaking to reporters on the downing, which occurred a year ago this week, on condition they not be named, said the facts showed the Soviets shot down Korean Air Lines (KAL) Flight 007 last Sept. 1 without adequate warning or effort to identify it and that charges of a U.S. spy link were totally false.

"I don't think you should shoot down a plane even if you're convinced that it's an intelligence plane," the official added.

He said the airliner incident continued to hurt U.S.-Soviet relations.

"The effect will linger and of course death is death," he said. "You don't roll that back."

He said he assumes the Soviets genuinely thought the plane was on a spy mission. In the immediate aftermath of the incident, the administration had taken a different view, asserting that Soviets had to know the Boeing 747-200B jetliner was a civilian aircraft because of its distinct profile.

Asked why the Soviets shot down the plane instead of taking less drastic measures, the official said it is his personal view that there has been a general "heightening of concern" in the Soviet Union over its perception that the world is becoming increasingly hostile to Soviet interests.

He said shootdown is part of a pattern of activities that suggests a Soviet desire to isolate themselves from outside influences. This has produced a "shoot first and ask questions afterward" mentality, he said.

The officials who briefed reporters Wednesday said full details of the incident might never be known.

THE WEEKEND CROSSWORD

Edited by Herb Emswiler

ODD JOBS

By Joanne Wilson

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- 1 New against
- 5 Penitentiary city
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- 30 Mule leather
- 31 Pierre's papa
- 32 Physiologist?

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- 42 "All at" (Gautier)
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- 71 Pennes
- 72 Legal warning
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- 77 Friendship
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- 107 Indictment
- 108 Decorative
- 109 Actor Bruce
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- 111 Constant
- 112 Chopping
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- 114 Witnessed

Diagrams

17 X 17, by Mary C. Whitman

- 1 Hilarious
- 2 One-headed
- 3 Furnace
- 4 Resonant
- 5 Subversive
- 6 Swab
- 7 Saker
- 8 Nestled
- 10 Lifeline
- 19 Pester

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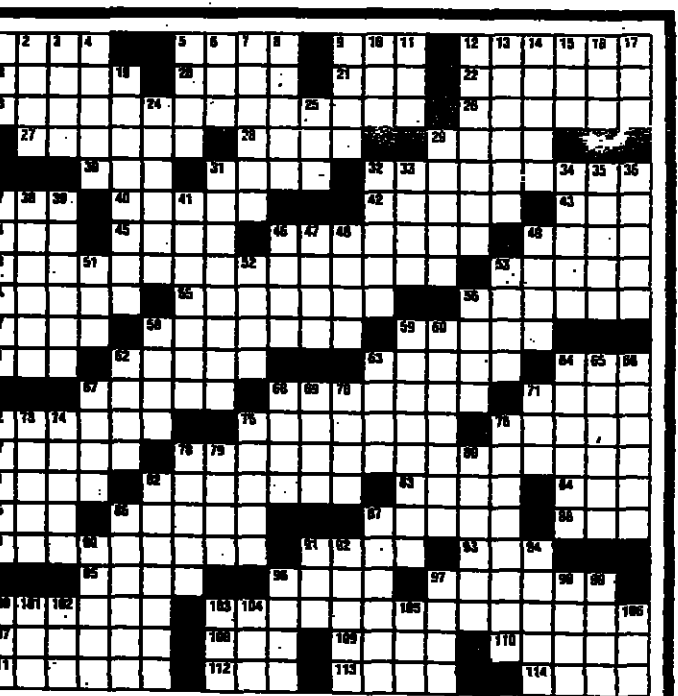
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- 54 Cousin's milieu
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- 57 Burning
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- 61 Hatchet

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- 14 Goddess of drum
- 15 Change color
- 17 Taste
- 18 Section of
- 19 Throat
- 21 Dune — Hove
- 22 Strike caller

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- 32 Yogi
- 33 Indian pillars
- 34 — shouting
- 37 Serenely
- 40 Give back part of a price
- 41 Positive answers

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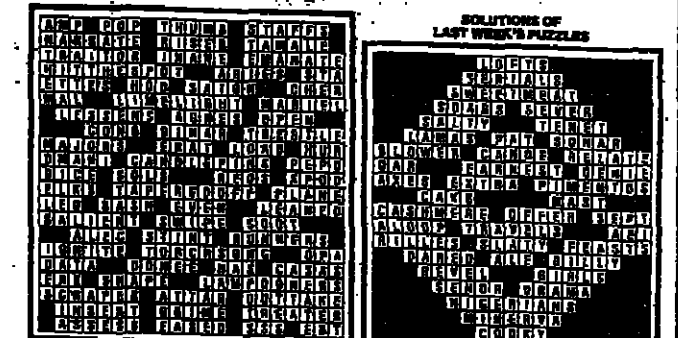


Last Week's Cryptograms 8/19/84

1. Some consider a pinch of this and a dash of that proper proportions for condiments in a recipe.
2. Sals of plums and peaches better than peaches; some might prefer peaches.
3. Blonde soap opera star's figure troubles had her fanning at the beach.
4. When we were teenagers, our growth was in length; as older adults, it's in girth.

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. EREW ALA CO ATAX AFCHMGZ LO ACOW
ALCK BA EBERGA URBEK FGUCABR BK HLE
BOZ ZBZ URHMGZ — By Marlene E. Adams
2. COUJELF GJH SGJEYF QUIBOY KUDO LET
ARK SUBSOYOR QGCJT ODOYFELMK — ODOM
EGGELAYITLOT — By Lois H. Jones
3. BEJN SBA JXSCJ SAQ LGB LONBEZI HX IYAU
ZNB TNQ DYC DHTTENJ CS DNAX — By Earl Ireland
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